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INTRODUCTION.

In a prefatory note to the first volume of Proceedings, issued in 1859, in accordance with a vote of the Society authorizing the publication of selections from its recent Proceedings, the Committee express a "hope that there will also be prepared, at some convenient and not very remote time, a digest or selection from the Society's records, which may give a connected history of its origin and early transactions, that the Society may thus acknowledge its indebtedness to the founders and early members, by whose exertions, so wisely applied, it was established on a basis which has secured its continual usefulness and increasing prosperity."

Although the publication of the Proceedings from the year 1855 to the present time has continued uninterruptedly until the volumes issued already number fourteen, it has never seemed practicable until now to enter upon the work of editing the earlier records, so much desired and so long deferred. At the annual meeting of the Society, in April, 1878, the Treasurer having previously expressed the opinion that the funds for publishing the Proceedings would now warrant the outlay for printing one or more volumes from the early records and contemporaneous documents, a vote was passed, appointing the undersigned a committee to prepare and print such volumes. Agreeably to this vote the Com-

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mittee at once entered upon their work; and we have now the pleasure of laying before the Society the result of our labors thus far, in one volume, which embraces the proceedings from Jan. 24, 1791, when the Society was instituted, to March 26, 1835, inclusive. A second volume, containing the proceedings to the annual meeting in April, 1855, but not including it, being the meeting at which the administration of Mr. Savage as President was concluded and that of Mr. Winthrop was begun, will soon follow.

In order that a minute history of the Society, so far as the records contain it, may be given, very little has been omitted. Where it was thought necessary to elucidate the text of the records, foot-notes have been added; and letters, or extracts of letters, or other documents, have been introduced where they seemed useful in authenticating some relic bestowed, or in illustrating some subject referred to. Several papers on file, really belonging to the text, but not recorded, have been introduced into it, but always in such a way as to show what has been done.

It was thought best not to omit the earlier lists of donations which were spread upon the records, as they serve to show when and from whom some of the most valuable books, manuscripts, and ancient relics were received; no sufficient record of these having been preserved in a printed form in the Society's publications. It was not, it may be added, until 1814 that the Society began to print the donations in the volumes of Collections.

It will be noticed that one of the purposes of the Society at its organization, not finally relinquished until many years afterward, was to promote the study of natural history. Indian relics, geological and mineralogical

specimens, animal and vegetable productions, — which included especially botanical specimens, — were received, and stored in the Society's Museum. A few of these relics yet remain, as reminders of the past. About the time of the Society's removal to its present location, in 1833, a large number of these specimens, appropriate for the purpose, were deposited in the cabinet of the Boston Society of Natural History. Subsequently, the Peabody Institute of Archæology and Ethnology received nearly all the remaining articles adapted to the purposes of its Museum.

Memoirs of deceased Resident Members that had not been written have been supplied. To the original number of ten members, one hundred and seventy-seven were added, by election, previously to the annual meeting of 1855, — a period of sixty-four years.* Of the fifty-nine then on the list of living members, only eighteen are now members of the Society, thirty-eight having died and three resigned since that date. The membership of forty-four had terminated by removal from the State, resignation, or other cause; eighty-four had died. Memoirs or notices of forty-five have already been published by the Society; and memoirs or notices of the remaining thirty-nine have been furnished by the Committee for publishing these volumes, and will be found under the years of their respective deaths.

To the Rev. Jeremy Belknap, D.D., is ascribed the honor of being the founder of this Society, — the oldest

* In this enumeration the names of John Pickering, who was first chosen a member Jan. 29, 1818, resigned May 5, 1831, was re-elected June 25, 1835, and died May 5, 1846, and John Gorham Palfrey, first chosen April 28, 1825, resigned June 28, 1838, re-elected June 30, 1842, and again resigned April 17, 1854, are counted twice.

Historical Society in the United States. In a sketch of his life and character, by the Rev. John Eliot, one of the five persons who first associated in its formation, written a few days after Dr. Belknap's death, he says: "The Historical Society have lost their most laborious and diligent member, and the founder of their institution." In a notice of Dr. Belknap, in his Biographical Dictionary (Boston, 1809), Dr. Eliot more particularly refers to the subject of the establishment of the Society.

"Of the Historical Society," he says, "he was not only a diligent and laborious member, but may be considered as the founder. While he was in New Hampshire he collected a great number of facts, dates, and circumstances, and most valuable compilation of manuscripts, which might give information and entertainment to persons who desire to know the history of their country. The letters which passed between the Admiral and General at Louisburg had been copied in a fair hand. to serve for a document of historic information. Colonel Sparhawk, who married the daughter of Sir William Pepperell, not only obliged Dr. Belknap with the perusal of them, when he was writing the History of New Hampshire, but expressed a desire that he would deposit them in some cabinet, where they might be read by others, and be useful in future. This idea led Dr. Belknap to devise a plan for multiplying copies of this and other manuscripts, as the only way to preserve them from fire or any accidents. He was the more impressed with the propriety of this, as he was witness to the destruction of Mr. Prince's valuable collection, which had been deposited in the steeple of the Old South Meeting-house. When he came to Boston, he suggested this to several of his acquaintance. In this town he met with a friend, Mr. Thomas Wallcut, a worthy citizen, now living, who had conceived the same idea of multiplying copies of old books, which he himself had of manuscripts, and who had made a great collection to keep them for the service of future generations. Dr. Belknap often mentioned to the writer of this memoir that what Mr. Wallcut suggested of preserving books, and his own desire to preserve the letters of Sir William Pepperell, were the foundation of the Historical Society, — an institution at first supported by the labors of a few, not sufficiently favored by the public, but now

claims a very considerable reputation among the literary institutions of America." *

The late Rev. William Jenks, D.D., in 1837, wrote an account of the Society, prefixed to Vol. VII. of the third series of the Collections, which contains some details as to its origin, derived from the late Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, D.D., who was chosen a member in 1792. An extract from Dr. Jenks's account here follows: —

"It is difficult, if not impracticable, to discover at the present period the actual germ of the Society in the first thought, intention, or effort of any individual mind. Mr. Wallcut, the only survivor of the first ten who associated, does not sustain the claim made for him by the late Dr. Snow and by Dr. Allen.† The writer will, therefore, avail himself of the reminiscences and minutes of his valued friend, the Rev. Dr. Harris, better able, perhaps, than any one now living to ascend to the fountain head of the institution, having taken a very early and deep interest in its success.

"The Rev. Dr. Belknap has been uniformly regarded as a principal founder of this Society. His valuable 'History of New Hampshire' had been written under great disadvantages, and published with inadequate patronage. The labor of twenty-two years, as he states, was devoted to it; and in his last volume, published in 1793, nine years after the first, it is said that the sale of the preceding volumes had not defrayed the expense of publication. He had been at great cost, of time and labor at least, in amassing the materials for his work. Several of these were now his own; others were, of course, in public offices.

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* Dr. Eliot's modesty would have forbidden his putting forward any claims for himself. In a memoir of him, written by Professor McKean in 1813, and published in Vol. I. of the second series of the Collections, p. 221, he says: "To him and his friend, Dr. Belknap, may the origin and foundation of the Massachusetts Historical Society be principally ascribed." In the next volume, at p. 284, the Society call the attention of the public to their "Historical Collections," already published, and say: "The first series, consisting of ten volumes, was commenced in 1792, and closed in 1809. It is enriched, among other valuable articles, with many from the pens of Belknap and Eliot, *the founders of the Society*."

† Dr. Snow, in his "History of Boston," and Dr. Allen, in his "Biographical and Historical Dictionary," ed. 1832, article, "Belknap," probably only intended to repeat what Dr. Eliot had here written concerning Mr. Wallcut's agency.

"Dr. Belknap, by the interest of friends who knew his worth, had been transferred from his parish in New Hampshire, and had become a pastor in Boston; and he, having 'engaged in preparing his American Biography, and Hon. George R. Minot,' the elegant historian of the insurrection in Massachusetts, 'who was occupied in writing a continuation of Hutchinson's History, had frequent occasion, in 1789,' observes Dr. Harris, 'of conferring together with reference to materials to be consulted. They knew that the Rev. Dr. Eliot possessed the manuscript of Hubbard's History; that Rev. Dr. Thacher had the Diary of his ancestor, a very early settler; and concluded that Hon. James Winthrop, of Cambridge, retained papers of his ancestor, the Governor, and of other branches of that celebrated family. To have a place of common deposit of such documents, for ready access and consultation, they proposed to these gentlemen to unite with them in contributing and collecting aids to their own labors and those of others.' In 1790, therefore, a meeting was holden, — the day, however, is not given, — to agree on the object. Five gentlemen were present; and the Society, it appears, was then virtually formed. But, on separating, at the adjournment, each agreed to bring a friend to the next meeting. Accordingly, on the 24th of January of the next year, ten persons met, and embodied themselves with due formality. The Hon. Judge Tudor, Rev. Drs. Belknap, Thacher, and Eliot, and Judge Winthrop attended the first informal meeting; and at the embodying were present, beside them, Rev. Dr. Freeman, Judge Minot, Hon. W. Baylies, of Dighton, Judge Sullivan, and Mr. Wallcut.* Yet, in the printed paper inserted in their volumes, the 'establishment' of the Society is dated 1790."

At the period following the War of the Revolution and the establishment of peace, there were undoubtedly many persons of historical tastes who were desirous of forming some association for securing a safe deposit of historical books and papers, and for multiplying copies of the latter by printing, and for promoting generally the objects of historical inquiry.

In a letter from Dr. Belknap to Ebenezer Hazard,

* Judge Minot and Dr. Baylies were not present at the meeting, Jan. 24, 1791, at which the Society was "instituted"; but they were regarded as present and associating.

then living in New York, dated at Boston, Aug. 10, 1789, he writes: —

"This day a Mr. Pintard called to see me. He says he is an acquaintance of yours, and wants to form a Society of Antiquaries, &c., &c. He seems to have a literary taste, is very loquacious and unreserved. Do give me his character." *

This was John Pintard, of New York, then a young man of some thirty years of age, who subsequently became a Corresponding Member of the Society, the founder of the New York Historical Society, and who was an early Secretary of the Tammany Society in New York, dying, in 1844, at the great age of eighty-six. Hazard soon after replied to Dr. Belknap's inquiry; and, in a later letter, dated on the 5th of the following September, he says: —

"Mr. Pintard has mentioned to me his thoughts about an Antiquarian Society. The idea pleases me much. We shall have the plan upon paper one of these days, and you will doubtless be made acquainted with it. Mr. P. has lately purchased a very large collection of pamphlets, in volumes, relating to the American Revolution. It was made by Dr. Chandler, of Elizabeth Town, who was in England all the war. It is valuable, as is Mr. P.'s library." †

In the following year, 1790, Dr. Belknap again writes to Mr. Hazard on the same subject, under date of the 27th of August: —

"When Mr. Pintard was here," he says, "he strongly urged the forming a Society of American Antiquaries. Several other gentlemen have occasionally spoken to me on the same subject. Yesterday I was in company where it was again mentioned, and it was wished that a beginning could be made. This morning I have written something, and communicated it to the gentleman who spoke of it yesterday. How it will issue time must determine. If it should come to any thing, you

* Belknap Papers, II. 157.
† Ibid. 165.

shall hear farther. Say nothing of it to Mr. Morse at present, nor to any other person." *

The paper which Dr. Belknap wrote on the morning of the 27th of August, 1790, was handed down among his manuscripts in this Society, and was labelled, "Plan of an Antiquarian Society, August, 1790." It is here copied, and a heliotype *fac-simile* is also given, showing all the erasures and interlineations.

"*Plan of an Antiquarian Society, August*, 1790.

"A society to be formed, consisting of not more than *seven at first*, for the purpose of collecting, preserving, and communicating the antiquities of America.

"Admissions to be made in such manner as the associated shall judge proper. The number of members to be limited.

"A President, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and Cabinet-Keeper to be appointed.

"Each member to pay at his admission and yearly. This and other money to be applied to promoting the objects of the Society.

"Each member, on his admission, shall engage to use his utmost endeavors to collect and communicate to the Society manuscripts, printed books and pamphlets, historical facts, biographical anecdotes, observations in natural history, specimens of natural and artificial curiosities, and any other matters which may elucidate the natural and political history of America from the earliest times to the present day; and

"All communications which are thought worthy of being preserved shall be entered at large in the books of the Society with an index, and the originals kept on file.

"Letters shall be written to gentlemen in each of the United States, requesting them to form similar societies; and a correspondence shall be kept up between them for the purpose of communicating discoveries and improvements to each other.

"Each Society through the United States shall be desired from time to time to publish such of their communications as they may

* Belknap Papers, II. 231.

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judge proper; and all publications shall be made on paper and in pages of the same size, that they may be bound together; and each Society so publishing shall be desired to send gratuitously to each of the other Societies one dozen copies at least of each publication.

"Quarterly meetings to be held for the purpose of communicating; and, in this State, the quarterly meetings shall be held on the days next following those appointed for the meetings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

"When the Society's funds can afford it, salaries shall be granted to the Secretaries and other officers.

"Persons to compose the first meeting: William Tudor, Esq., Rev. John Eliot, Rev. Peter Thacher, James Winthrop, Esq., Jere. Belknap."

On the 14th of September following, Dr. Belknap thus writes to Mr. Hazard: —

"No more as yet about the Antiquarian Society. The gentleman who seemed so zealous, as I wrote you, has been ever since overwhelmed with business in the Supreme Court; and I have not once seen him, for I seldom attend courts of any kind."*

This gentleman, so busy in the Supreme Court, was probably Mr. Tudor, whose name, on Dr. Belknap's paper, stands at the head of the five "persons to compose the first meeting," who, before the close of the year, became "associated," and agreed to form a society. We have no means of knowing whether the names on this paper were selected by Dr. Belknap himself, or by conference with one or more of the gentlemen named; most likely the latter. As Dr.

* Belknap Papers, II. 233.

On the 3d of October, Hazard writes from New York: "I like Pintard's idea of a Society of American Antiquaries; but where will you find a sufficiency of members of suitable abilities and leisure? Where will jarring interests suffer the Musæum to be kept?" What Mr. Pintard's idea of a society was we do not know. It is not improbable that he wished to form a general society, with members to co-operate throughout the country, rather than a local or State society.

Belknap drew up this rough draft himself, and entered the names upon it, he, of course, placed his own name at the foot. Neither do we know precisely when, during the remainder of this year, those five persons met and agreed to associate for the purpose indicated; nor when the five additional associates were selected, previous to the first regular meeting at which the Society was instituted. No records of any meetings in this inchoate state are preserved.

In the beginning of the first Letter-book of the Society, is the following, in Dr. Belknap's hand: —

"*A Catalogue of the Members of the Historical Society, in the order in which they were elected.*

"William Tudor Rev. Jeremy Belknap Rev. Peter Thacher James Winthrop, Esq. Rev. John Eliot	First associated 1790.
Hon. James Sullivan, Esq. George R. Minot, Esq. Rev. James Freeman William Baylies, Esq. Thomas Wallcut	Elected by the first five, each nominating one."

Then follow other names, of both Resident and Corresponding Members, in the order of their election, covering a period of seven or eight years.

As has been already shown, the agreement to form a society was made before the close of 1790. Indeed, its earliest book-plate reads that the Society was "established" in 1790. The first meeting, at which the Society was instituted, — that is to say, that at which its constitution was adopted and its officers chosen, and a record made of these doings; that which the founders "agreed to consider as the first meeting," — was held on

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Isaac Lothrop Esq
Richard Cranch Esq
John Davis Esq
Rev Manasseh Cutler
Hon William Heath
Dr Aaron Dexter
Daniel Davis Esq

the 24th of January, 1791, at the house of the Hon. William Tudor, in Court Street.

The Constitution, substantially as adopted at the first meeting, was drawn up by Mr. Minot, and now exists in his handwriting, as far as and including article eight; while the remaining articles, nine to twelve, are in the hand of Judge Sullivan, the first President, who also amended parts of that drawn by Mr. Minot. A fair copy was afterward made by Mr. Wallcut, the first Recording Secretary, before it was transcribed by him into the book of records, and now exists in his beautiful handwriting.

"The Historical Society" was the name adopted at the institution, changed to the "Massachusetts Historical Society" in the act of incorporation adopted in February, 1794. The title-pages of the first and second volumes of the Collections, dated 1792 and 1793, bear, however, the more full name, as do the serials of Collections issued in those years.

Writing to Mr. Hazard on the 19th of February, 1791, Dr. Belknap says: —

"We have now formed our Society, and it is dubbed, not the Antiquarian, but the 'Historical Society.' It consists at present of only 8, and is limited to 25. We intend to be an *active*, not a *passive*, literary body; not to lie waiting, like a bed of oysters, for the tide (of communication) to flow in upon us, but to *seek* and *find*, to *preserve* and *communicate*, literary intelligence, especially in the historical way. We are not, however, quite ripe for action. Will it suit you to be a Corresponding Member? If you say yes, I will propose you." *

* Belknap Papers, II. 245. In a letter from Mr. Pintard to Dr. Belknap, of the 6th of April, 1791, he writes: "I wish to hear whether your Antiquarian Society is commencing, or its prospects. An account will be given in some future magazine of our Tammany Society (we have lately uncanonized him). This being a strong national society, I engrafted an antiquarian scheme of a museum upon it. It makes a small progress, with a small fund, and may possibly succeed. We have got a tolerable collection of pamphlets, mostly modern,

It is singular that Dr. Belknap should here make two errors: first, in saying that the Society consisted then of only eight; and second, that it was limited to twenty-five. It was limited to *thirty* Resident and *thirty* Corresponding Members. The number of members at its institution was ten. Only eight, however, were present at the first meeting: but Messrs. Baylies and Minot, who were absent, were regarded as present and associating; and the latter was at that meeting chosen a member of the Standing Committee. It should be added that twenty-five Resident Members seem to have been the number at first resolved upon, as is shown in Mr. Minot's draft of the Constitution, subsequently amended to thirty.*

By the rules of the Society, as first adopted, there were to be four stated meetings each year, — on the

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with some history, of which I will also send you some day an abstract. If your Society succeeds, we will open a regular correspondence and interchange of communications, duplicates, &c. If my plan once strikes root, it will thrive."

On the 12th November, 1791, he writes: "I also received the proposals for the American Apollo. I think it a good thing, and will forward it all in my power. I have obtained twenty subscribers, and hope to do better."

* On a fly-leaf in the beginning of the second volume of the Society's manuscript records, the first entry in which is "December 23, 1795," the following is written by Dr. Freeman, then Recording Secretary, and one of the original ten founders, so to speak, of the Society: —

"*List of Resident Members of the Massachusetts Historical Society, with the dates of their election.*

"1790. The Society was planned by the following persons: Rev. Jeremy Belknap, D.D., Rev. John Eliot, D.D., Rev. Peter Thacher, D.D., and William Tudor, Esq., of Boston, and James Winthrop, Esq., of Cambridge.

"These gentlemen associated with them five other persons; viz, William Baylies, Esq., of Dighton, and Rev. James Freeman, Hon. George Richards Minot, Esq., Hon. James Sullivan, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Wallcut, of Boston.

"1791, Jan. 24. A majority of the above-named persons met together and organized the Society."

The names in the above summary by Dr. Freeman are arranged in alphabetical order; then follow the names of subsequent members for a considerable period, in the order of their election.

last Tuesdays of January, April, July, and October, — and provision made for occasional meetings.* After the election of officers at the first meeting, the first vote passed provided that the Standing Committee "be requested to inquire what collections can be made for the Society, and a suitable place to deposit the same." At that meeting Mr. Sullivan, the President, presented to the Society a folio blank volume for their records; the Recording Secretary was desired to attend the sales of books from time to time, and buy such as came within the views of the Society.

We have already seen that the first meeting of the Society was held at the house of Mr. Tudor. At the second meeting — which was a special meeting, held at the house of Judge Sullivan, the President, on the 9th of April — the Committee reported that they had not been able to procure a suitable room to deposit the library of the Society, and Mr. Tudor was added to the Committee. A vote was also adopted appointing a committee to wait upon the Governor and the Lieutenant-Governor, and acquaint them with the institution, the views and designs of the Society, and to request their assistance. The committee who were appointed at the last meeting "to inquire what collections could be made towards forming an historical library, delivered in lists from each member, as on file." These lists, which embrace a large number of valuable books and manuscripts, particularly those which came from Dr. Belknap, are preserved in the Society's Cabinet, and are printed in this volume.

By the 30th day of June, when the third meeting of

* During the first year, 1791, the meetings were very irregularly held. They were all special or adjourned meetings, and not one was held at the time appointed for the stated or quarterly meetings.

the Society was called (a special meeting), an apartment had been procured in the building called the "Manufactory House," "an handsome, large, brick building," occupied by the Massachusetts Bank, situated in Longacre Street, now Tremont Street, where Hamilton Place now is,* and the Society met there, for the first time, on that day. The first vote passed at that meeting directed "that the Treasurer be desired to purchase twelve chairs (Windsor, green, elbow); a pine table, painted, with draw and lock and key; an inkstand, &c." These green Windsor chairs are yet in the Society's possession, in good preservation. They cost, altogether, £4 16*s.* 0*d.*, or sixteen dollars. The table, lock and key, and inkstand, cost about $3.20; a small letter-book cost 3*s.* 4*d.*, or fifty-six cents.

We will so far depart from the chronological order of the narrative as to describe here, in a few words, the several apartments occupied by the Society, till their removal to the present location on Tremont Street.

After the Society had occupied the room in the Bank building about one year, it was represented to them that the stockholders could no longer accommodate the Society. The Standing Committee, with Messrs. Eliot and Freeman, were thereupon appointed a committee to procure another room for the Library and Museum, and to remove to it the property of the Society. This was done; and, on the 31st of July, 1792, the Society held their stated meeting for the first time in an apartment in Faneuil Hall, being the north-west corner of the attic; a place, says Dr. Harris, "as retired and recondite as explorers into the recesses of antiquity could think of visiting." Here they remained till June, 1794, when the

* See a description of this building in Collections, III. 252, 253.

Society held the first meeting in their new room — the upper room over the Arch — in the Tontine Crescent, on the south side of Franklin Place, the premises having been a gift to the Society by the generosity of Messrs. Scollay, Bulfinch, and Vaughan, of which a full account will be found at pp. 58 and 65 of this volume. The Society continued to occupy the room over the Arch for thirty-nine years, or till 1833, when they removed to their present location.

At the fourth meeting of the Society, in October, 1791, Messrs. Belknap and Eliot, who had been appointed to draw up rules and regulations for the Library and Museum, reported a list of twelve articles, which, after some amendment, were adopted. The original rough draft of these rules, in Dr. Eliot's hand, is preserved in the Library; and the finished paper, as amended by Dr. Belknap, exists in his hand. At an adjourned meeting, December 23, Messrs. Eliot and Tudor, a committee previously appointed, reported a list of rules to define the duties and powers of the Standing Committee, which were adopted. A draft of this paper in Mr. Minot's hand is also preserved.

"Their literary materials increasing," says Dr. Jenks, in the memoir quoted above, "they were anxious to present them to the public in a permanent form. But it was 'the day of small things,' and the means were wanting for publication. In this emergency it was proposed by Dr. Belknap, in the autumn of 1791, to encourage a periodical contemplated by two young men, just commencing the business of printing. Accordingly, in a sheet attached to The American Apollo, which made its appearance weekly in 1792, commencing with the year, the publications of the Society began."

The records of the Society give the necessary details respecting the arrangements made with the two young

men referred to, — Joseph Belknap, the oldest son of Dr. Belknap, and Alexander Young, the father of our late associate, the Rev. Alexander Young, D.D., — who proposed, with the assistance of the Society, to begin the publication of the Apollo; to appropriate generally from four to eight pages of the said paper to such publications as the Historical Society shall choose to make; that this part of the paper shall be paged separately; and that fifty copies of the Apollo shall be presented to the Society. On the 24th of October, 1791, the agreement was completed, and Messrs. Belknap, Eliot, and Freeman were appointed a committee to superintend the publications of the Society.

The following "Circular Letter," drawn up by Dr. Belknap, and dated Nov. 1, 1791, was issued previously to the publication of the Apollo, and a proposal for the printing of this paper was enclosed in it: —

"*Circular Letter of the Historical Society.**

"Sir, — A society has lately been instituted in this town, called the Historical Society, the professed design of which is to collect, preserve, and communicate materials for a complete history of this country, and accounts of all valuable efforts of human ingenuity and industry, from the beginning of its settlement. In pursuance of this plan, they have already amassed a large quantity of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and are still in search of more, — a catalogue of which will be printed for the information of the public.

"They have also given encouragement to the publication of a weekly paper, to be called The American Apollo, in which will be given the result of their inquiries into the natural, political, and ecclesiastical history of this country. A proposal for the printing of this paper is here enclosed to you, and it is requested that you would promote subscriptions for it, and contribute to its value and importance by attention to the articles annexed. The Society beg leave to de-

* The original manuscript, in Dr. Belknap's hand, is on file.

CIRCULAR LETTER,

OF THE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SIR,

A SOCIETY has lately been inſtituted in this town, called the HISTORICAL SOCIETY; the profeſſed deſign of which is, to collect, preſerve and communicate, materials for a complete hiſtory of this country, and accounts of all valuable efforts of human ingenuity and induſtry, from the beginning of its ſettlement. In purſuance of this plan, they have already amaſſed a large quantity of books, pamphlets and manuſcripts; and are ſtill in ſearch of more: A catalogue of which will be printed for the information of the public.

THEY have alſo given encouragement to the publication of a weekly paper, to be called THE AMERICAN APOLLO; in which will be given the reſult of their inquiries, into the natural, political and eccleſiaſtical hiſtory of this country. A propoſal for the printing of this paper is here incloſed to you; and it is requeſted that you would promote ſubſcriptions for it; and contribute to its value and importance, by attention to the articles annexed. The Society

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beg leave to depend on your obliging anſwer to theſe heads of inquiry, when leiſure and opportunity will permit.

YOUR letters addreſſed, free of expenſe, to the ſubſcriber, will be gratefully received, and duly noticed in the Society's publications; and you will have the ſatisfaction of contributing to the general ſtock of knowledge, with which they hope to entertain the public.

In the name, and by order of the Society,

JEREMY BELKNAP, *Correſponding Sec.*

Summer Street, Boſton,

November 1, 1791

Articles on which the Society requeſt information.

1. THE time when your town was granted and incorporated; its Indian name; when the ſettlement began; whether it was interrupted, and by what means; to what Colony or County it was firſt annexed; and if there have been any alterations, what they are, and when made.

2. THE exploits, labors and ſufferings of the inhabitants in war; particular accounts of devaſtations, deaths, captivities and redemptions,

3. DIVISIONS of your town into pariſhes and precincts, or the erection of new towns within the former limits.

4. TIME of gathering churches of every denomination; names of the ſeveral Miniſters; the times of their ſettlement, removal and death; and their age at the time of their death.

5. BIOGRAPHICAL anecdotes of perſons in your town, or within your knowledge, who have been remarkable for ingenuity, enterpriſe, literature, or any other valuable accompliſhment; an account of their literary productions, and if poſſible, copies of them.

6. TOPOGRAPHICAL deſcription of your town and its vicinity; mountains, rivers, ponds, vegetable productions; remarkable

remarkable falls, caverns, minerals, ſtones, foſſils, pigments, medicinal and poiſonous ſubſtances, their uſes and antidotes.

7. THE former and preſent ſtate of cultivation, and your thoughts on farther improvements, either in reſpect to agriculture, roads or canals.

8. MONUMENTS and relicks of the ancient Indians; number and preſent ſtate of any remaining Indians among you.

9. SINGULAR inſtances of longevity and fecundity from the firſt ſettlement, to the preſent time.

10. OBSERVATIONS on the weather, diſeaſes, and the influence of the climate, or of particular ſituations, employments and aliments, eſpecially the effect of ſpirituous liquors on the human conſtitution.

11. ACCURATE bills of mortality, ſpecifying ages and caſualties, the proportion of births and deaths; and the increaſe or decreaſe of population.

12. ACCOUNTS of manufactures and fiſheries, and thoughts on the farther improvement of them.

13. MODES of education, private or public; what encouragement is given to ſchools, and what is done to advance literature; whether you have a ſocial library, what is the number of books, and of what value.

14. WHAT remarkable events have befallen your town, or particular families or perſons at any time.

P. S. ANY books, pamphlets, manuſcripts, maps or plans which may conduce to the accompliſhment of the views of the Society; and any natural or artificial productions which may enlarge its muſeum, will be accepted with thanks.

THE library of the Society is depoſited in an apartment of the Maſſachuſetts Bank. Any perſon deſirous of making a ſearch among the books or manuſcripts, may have acceſs to it, under ſuch regulations, and at ſuch hours as may be known by applying to any one of the members.

pend on your obliging answer to these heads of inquiry, when leisure and opportunity will permit.

"Your letters, addressed, free of expense, to the subscriber, will be gratefully received, and duly noticed in the Society's publications; and you will have the satisfaction of contributing to the general stock of knowledge with which they hope to entertain the public.

"In the name and by order of the Society.

"JEREMY BELKNAP, *Corresponding Sec.*

"SUMMER STREET, BOSTON, Nov. 1, 1791.

"*Articles on which the Society request information.*

"1. The time when your town was granted and incorporated; its Indian name; when the settlement began; whether it was interrupted, and by what means; to what colony or county it was first annexed; and, if there have been any alterations, what they are, and when made.

"2. The exploits, labors, and sufferings of the inhabitants in war; particular accounts of devastations, deaths, captivities, and redemptions.

"3. Divisions of your town into parishes and precincts, or the erection of new towns within the former limits.

"4. Time of gathering churches of every denomination; names of the several ministers; the times of their settlement, removal, and death; and their age at the time of their death.

"5. Biographical anecdotes of persons in your town, or within your knowledge, who have been remarkable for ingenuity, enterprise, literature, or any other valuable accomplishment; an account of their literary productions, and, if possible, copies of them.

"6. Topographical description of your town and its vicinity,—mountains, rivers, ponds, vegetable productions, remarkable falls, caverns, minerals, stones, fossils, pigments, medicinal and poisonous substances, their uses and antidotes.

"7. The former and present state of cultivation, and your thoughts on farther improvements, either in respect to agriculture, roads, or canals.

"8. Monuments and relics of the ancient Indians; number and present state of any remaining Indians among you.

"9. Singular instances of longevity and fecundity from the first settlement to the present time.

"10. Observations on the weather, diseases, and the influence of the climate, or of particular situations, employments, and aliments. especially the effect of spirituous liquors on the human constitution.

"11. Accurate bills of mortality, specifying ages and casualties, the proportion of births and deaths, and the increase or decrease of population.

"12. Accounts of manufactures and fisheries, and thoughts on the farther improvement of them.

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"P. S. Any books, pamphlets, manuscripts, maps, or plans which may conduce to the accomplishment of the views of the Society, and any natural or artificial productions which may enlarge its Museum, will be accepted with thanks.

"The Library of the Society is deposited in an apartment of the Massachusetts Bank. Any person desirous of making a search among the books or manuscripts may have access to it, under such regulations and at such hours as may be known by applying to any one of the members." *

The following is the title-page of the prospectus of Messrs. Belknap & Young for publishing "The American Apollo," enclosed in Dr. Belknap's Circular, annexed to which is their Conditional Proposal: —

"To all the Friends of Science, Arts, Agriculture, Manufactures, and Commerce. Proposal of Joseph Belknap and Alexander Young for printing a weekly paper, to be entitled THE AMERICAN APOLLO, containing the publications of the Historical Society, Political and Commercial Intelligence, and other entertaining matter. Printed at Boston, Massachusetts, by J. Belknap and A. Young. MDCCXCI.

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* Copies of the Circular Letter are very rare, — but three or four are known. And of the prospectus for publishing the Apollo, only one copy — that in the possession of the Society — is known to the writer.

FAC-SIMILE OF TITLE PAGE OF "PROPOSAL"

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PRINTED AT *BOSTON, (Maſſachuſetts)*
BY J. BELKNAP AND A. YOUNG
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" *Conditional Proposal.*

" I. Each number will contain sixteen large demy octavo pages, stitched in a cover, and will be published every Friday.

" II. From four to eight pages of each number will be generally appropriated to the publications which shall be made by the Historical Society.*

" III. The remaining pages will be filled with essays, moral, political, and poetical, and the daily occurrences in the natural, civil, and commercial world.

" IV. The cover, which will make four additional pages, will be reserved for advertisements, for which they will be much obliged to their mercantile friends and others.

" V. The pages will be regularly numbered, and a title-page and index will be presented with the last number of every year, gratis.

" VI. The price to subscribers will be two dollars per annum, exclusive of postage. Each subscriber is requested to pay one half dollar at the time of subscribing, and the like sum at the expiration of every quarter of a year, commencing from the publication of the first number, so that every subscriber may be one half dollar in advance, for which he may depend on receiving the papers punctually as they are published.

" VII. If a sufficient number of subscribers to defray the expense are returned by the 20th of December next, the publication will commence on the first Friday of January, 1792."

" Subscriptions will be received by the several members of the Historical Society, and by the following printers and booksellers: viz., Mr. B. Guild, Colonel J. Boyle, Mr. J. White, Mr. S. Hall, Mr. B. Larkin, Mr. D. West, Messrs. Thomas & Andrews, Mr. J. Thomas, and Mr. E. Larkin, jun., in Boston; Mr. J. Dabney and Mr. T. C. Cushing, Salem; B. Emerson, Esq., postmaster,

* " A society has been lately established in this town, called the Historical Society, the professed design of which is to collect, preserve, and communicate materials for a complete history of this country, from the beginning of its settlement; and the said Society has encouraged the publication of this weekly paper, for the purpose of communicating the result of their inquiries.

" The present members are —

" The Hon. James Sullivan, *President.*
William Baylies, Esq.
Rev. Jeremy Belknap.
Rev. John Eliot.
Rev. James Freeman.
George R. Minot, Esq.
Rev. Peter Thacher.
William Tudor, Esq.
Mr. Thomas Wallcut.
James Winthrop, Esq."

Newburyport; J. Libbey, Esq., postmaster, Portsmouth; I. Thomas, Esq., Worcester; Mr. E. Weld, Springfield; and by many other gentlemen in various parts of the United States. Also, at the office of the Publishers, in Boston.

"Subscribers are requested to put down their names, titles, and where their papers may be sent."

The Circular Letter, with a few changes which circumstances required, was also reprinted in 1793, and prefixed to the first serial for January of that year. A new Circular, it may be added, was issued in the serial for June, 1794, but was designed for, and was prefixed to, Vol. IV., issued in the following year. This paper now exists in the handwriting of Dr. Belknap. It was reissued in a sheet as a circular, some ten years later, and also prefixed to Vol. I. of the second series of Collections, published in 1814.

An "Introductory Address from the Historical Society to the Public" was prefixed to the first number of the Apollo, immediately following the "Constitution of the Historical Society." This admirable paper could proceed from no other pen than that of Dr. Belknap, and would find a fitting place in this introduction, were it not so easily accessible as prefixed to the first volume of the Society's Collections.

The following is the title on the cover of each number of the Apollo: "The AMERICAN APOLLO, containing the Publications of the HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Essays, Moral, Political, and Poetical, and the Daily Occurrences in the Natural, Civil, and Commercial World. . . . Printed at Boston, by Belknap & Young, State Street." In the centre of the cover of all the numbers, except the first, is a figure designed for Apollo, encircled with a scroll, on which is this motto, *Scientiæ pater, Musarum princeps*. These numbers, without the covers, contain from eight to twelve pages each, in 8vo, besides

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the publications of the Historical Society, which were stitched into the same covers, making from four to eight pages in addition. The first number was dated Friday, Jan. 6, 1792, and the last issued in this form, Friday, Sept. 28, 1792, — being in all thirty-nine numbers.*

In these thirty-nine numbers of the Apollo were issued two hundred and eight pages only of the first volume of the Society's Collections. The Apollo was then continued in a newspaper form, having no further connection with the Society's publications; † and

* Nos. 1 to 19, inclusive, of the Apollo were printed by Belknap & Young, whose copartnership was dissolved May 16, 1792. No. 20, for May 18, was printed by Joseph Belknap. No. 21 was printed by Belknap & Hall, who continued thereafter to print the Apollo until the dissolution of their copartnership, July 3, 1794, advertised in their paper of July 10. The first thirteen numbers of this octavo periodical were issued in covers of pink-colored paper; all the others of white paper. It consisted in all of thirty-nine numbers, of four hundred and sixteen pages, and is called Vol. I. The Apollo was then continued in a newspaper form, the first number of which was published Oct. 5, 1792, beginning Vol. II., which consisted of fifty-two numbers. The first number of Vol. III. was issued Oct. 4, 1793; and that volume was not closed until Dec. 25, 1794, and contained sixty-five numbers. With that volume the Apollo probably ceased. The paper was printed about six months by Joseph Belknap after his copartnership with Hall had ceased, say from July 10 to Dec. 25, 1794. The three volumes contained in all one hundred and fifty-six numbers. A copy of Vols. II. and III., bound together, is in the library of the Boston Athenæum.

† The following is from the records of the Society at a special meeting, on the 14th of September, 1792: —

"It appearing to the Society that the publication of the Apollo will not be continued with the papers of the Society annexed in the usual manner,

"*Voted*, That Dr. Belknap, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Minot be a committee to consider of the best manner of publishing the papers of the Society in future, and the lowest rate at which the printing business can be done, and report."

At a special meeting, on the 19th of September, "the Committee appointed to consider of the best mode of publishing the papers of the Society in future made report, whereupon it was

"*Voted*, That if Messrs. Belknap and Hall will publish the papers of the Society in a pamphlet, monthly, to consist of twenty-four pages, the Society will take fifty copies in sheets, at two pence one farthing a sheet; that the number of copies to be struck off be three hundred; and that, in addition to the

the Collections were published separately, agreeably to the following announcement "to the customers of the American Apollo," on the cover of Nos. 38 and 39, dated Sept. 21, 1792: —

"It is our design, at the commencement of the next quarter of the Apollo, to change the present plan of it. . . . The Apollo will be printed on large demy paper, and contain matter usual to a newspaper; omitting the publications of the Historical Society, or the *First Part*, which will be published in monthly numbers, stitched in blue, and to contain twenty-four pages of the present size; commencing from the first Friday in October, and published the first Friday of each successive month, when they will be forwarded to our customers, provided they do not signify to the contrary. They will be afforded at the low rate of *one shilling and sixpence* per quarter."

The first volume of the Collections, after the Apollo was discontinued in its original form, was completed in *four* numbers, stitched in blue covers, and lettered September (which must have been antedated), October, November, and December, 1792, and entitled "Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, . . . printed at the Apollo Press in Boston, by Belknap & Hall." These four numbers contained together eighty pages, the volume concluding with p. 288. One sheet of title-page and contents, in addition, was placed at the end of the last number.

Vols. II. and III. were published in like manner, in twelve monthly numbers, in 1793 and 1794, usually in blue covers, and from the same press, — the last six numbers of Vol. III. bearing the imprint of Joseph Belknap, "Printer to the Historical Society," his co-

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fifty copies above mentioned, the Society will take all such copies as may remain unsold at the rate aforesaid, for the term of one quarter of a year from the first Friday of October next.

"Mr. Belknap appeared, and agreed to the above terms in behalf of himself and Mr. Hall, his partner."

partnership with Thomas Hall having been dissolved on the 3d of July, 1794. The issue for January, 1793, is called on the cover "No. 1"; that for February, "No. 5," which, if intended to include those issued the previous year, should have been No. 6. That for March is "No. 6"; and the numbers thereafter continue in regular order to the end of the third volume, the last of which is "No. 27." Three numbers of Vol. II. and one number of Vol. III. contained a small portion of the succeeding volumes, the contents of each number being printed on the cover.

Vols. IV. and V. were published — the former in 1795, and the latter in 1798 — in four parts or numbers, also stitched in blue covers, and were printed by Samuel Hall, No. 53 Cornhill, Boston. Vol. V. was the last issued in numbers.

The Act of Incorporation, Laws, Circular Letter, &c., with an Appendix, were issued in the June number of Vol. III., for 1794, but intended as a part of Vol. IV., where they may be found. These documents were also issued, from the same types, in a separate pamphlet, by Joseph Belknap, at the Apollo Press, on the cover of which was a list of "Officers of the Society for the current year, 1794," and also of the Corresponding Members.

For want of sufficient means the Society labored under great embarrassment in respect to their publications, the multiplying of documents being one of the purposes for which the Society was established. When the third volume, which was issued in monthly parts, was drawing to a close, in December, 1794, the printer and publisher, Joseph Belknap, notified the Society that

he could not execute the business of the Society beyond the present year upon the terms of the existing contract. An agreement was thereupon made with another printer for three months only, in which time he was to print one number "at the sole risk and expense of the Society." * This contract was renewed from time to time

* Soon after the Society had been notified by Joseph Belknap that he could not continue the business under the then existing contract, and the Society had concluded to publish their Collections (experimentally) at their own risk and expense, Mr. Belknap addressed a letter to the Committee having the matter in charge, giving a history of his connection with the publications of the Society from the beginning. This letter is on file, and deserves to be noticed here. He says that the proposals issued by Belknap & Young — about the beginning of the year 1792 — for publishing the Historical and Topographical Collections of the Society met with an uncommon degree of encouragement, the idea being novel and interesting; that the subscribers, in the course of the first quarter, amounted to nearly twelve hundred. "The Collections were issued; but, from an almost universal misconstruction of the proposal (the public in general expecting a regular history of America), the subscribers were disappointed in their expectations, and, before the end of the second quarter, the number was reduced more than one half. In order, however, to give all possible satisfaction, it was found necessary that the department for intelligence, which had made part of the original pamphlet, should be enlarged. This was accordingly done, and separated from the Collections." That is, "The American Apollo" was enlarged from an octavo to a newspaper form, and the Collections were issued separately in monthly parts, as has been elsewhere described. The subscriptions, however, continued to decrease. In the mean time, his partner, Mr. Young, having been discouraged by the ill success of the undertaking, Mr. Belknap, in May, 1792, purchased his interest for a small sum, and became sole proprietor. He soon afterward entered into copartnership with Mr. Thomas Hall, with whom he continued the publication of the Collections for more than two years, but under great discouragements. In July, 1794, he purchased the interest of Mr. Hall, and again became sole proprietor. The number of subscribers continuing to decrease, being now but little more than three hundred, and the payments being very poor, he found he must necessarily be a loser if he continued the publication at his own risk. "I accordingly," he says, "communicated my intention of discontinuing, at your last meeting; and since find, by my best calculations, that I am a loser of at least four hundred dollars for the three years which I have published the Collections." Learning now that the Society intended to continue the publications at their own risk, he thinks he has a right in all candor to expect the offer of the printing upon the same terms that any other printer would do the work. Intimating that there had been complaints of incorrectness in his work, he pleads extenuating circumstances, adding, more-

during the year 1795, till four serials, comprising altogether about the same number of pages as the previous volume, were published, completing the fourth volume.

In the mean time, the Society "appointed a committee to investigate and report measures to increase the means of the Society to publish their Collections," and Dr. Belknap was its chairman. This appointment, made in July, 1795, was supplemented, in November, by another vote of similar import, providing, among other things, that an Address to the public be prepared, to be published in the newspapers. The following draft of a paper, in Dr. Belknap's hand, bearing no date, but written during this period, is on file: —

"The Committee of Publications, to whom was referred the consideration of some mode to increase subscription for the Collections, have attended the service, and report the annexed proposal, which, if approved by the Society, they recommend to be printed, and that each member, both domestic and corresponding, be furnished with one or more copies, with a strict injunction to do his utmost to procure subscriptions, and report his success at the next meeting, either quarterly or adjourned. And if this report be not accepted, or if, on trial, it shall be found insufficient, then the Committee further advise that the Rev. Mr. Harris be added to the Committee, and that a consultation be had with him and with the proprietors of the 'Massachusetts Magazine,' respecting an union of the Society's publications with that work, and that a further report be made after such consultation.

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over, that some of the copy sent to the press was imperfectly prepared. He promises now to give satisfaction, or to relinquish at the end of the quarter one half the contract price.

As has been already seen, the Society made a contract with another printer, Mr. Samuel Hall (not Joseph Belknap's late partner, whose name was Thomas Hall), an excellent printer, whose career is sufficiently illustrated by Mr. J. T. Buckingham, in his "Specimens of Newspaper Literature," I. 217–288. Mr. Hall continued to do the printing of the Collections for a number of years, — four volumes bearing his name as printer.

Joseph Belknap seems not to have been particularly successful in his business ventures. He died on the 2d of August, 1800, in Petersburg, Virginia, in the 31st year of his age.

"*A Proposal for enlarging the Subscription for the Collections of the Historical Society.*

"To the Public.

"Ever since the institution of the Society, it has been their invariable aim to pursue the objects for which they associated, — namely, to *collect*, *preserve*, and *communicate* materials for American history. In collecting they have been very successful; in preserving they have been equally fortunate; and in communicating they have endeavored to select such articles for publication as in their opinion were important, and would probably be lost without this mode of preservation by multiplying the copies. This part of their design, however, has not been attended with all that success which they wished. They began with a weekly paper; after some time, it was changed to a monthly pamphlet; and, for the present year, they have published once in three months, — in the whole, about the same in quantity as before. The subscription at first was flattering; but the Society have for some time past been obliged to contract with their printer in such a manner as to indemnify him, and take on themselves a burden of expense to which, considering the smallness of their income (less than sixty dollars per annum), they do not find themselves equal.

"They now address the public, with a view to increase the subscription for their publications. Their exertions and attention are animated by motives of benevolence and public utility, and they promise to continue unremittingly to communicate such material as have already come, or may hereafter come, into their hands, which, from present appearances, they have reason to expect will be very large and interesting, provided that a generous subscription and an extensive circulation shall assure them encouragement.

"Let it be remembered that this Society is formed, not for the purpose of *waiting* for communications, but that the spirit of the Society is *active;* and, besides the Circular Letters, which are sent to every part of the continent and the islands, and which have been reprinted in various periodical publications and in several languages, it is strictly required of every member to search for information of every kind and in every form which may increase the stock of knowledge and enable the Society to be useful.

"When it is considered that these Collections will consist of historical and biographical memoirs, geographical and topographical descriptions, accounts of new discoveries and improvements in travels,

navigation, manufactures, and commerce, scarce and valuable pamphlets and manuscripts respecting the antiquities of America, and other subjects which daily arrest the attention of the curious and inquisitive, and promise a great increase of science and fund of entertainment, they cannot but hope that a generous and candid public will enable them to carry their views into effect, and assist them in their endeavors to do real service to the community.

"But if they should find themselves obliged to discontinue the publication of their Collections, it will be not for want of materials or exertion on their part, but for want of sufficient encouragement on the part of the public; and it will give them extreme pain to record this as one of the characteristics of the American people, that they are backward to encourage the publication of materials for the history of their own country.

"The Society propose that their Collections shall be published quarterly or oftener, as the quantity of matter shall increase; that each number shall consist of nine half-sheets, or seventy-two pages, large 8vo, stitched, as usual, in blue covers, at the very moderate price of twenty-five cents each; that the numbers, when printed, shall be advertised in the public papers, and that the subscribers residing in Boston shall have them delivered at their respective houses; that punctual payments be made by subscribers, either on the receipt of each number, or at least once in a year, at their option, and that new subscribers pay one half-dollar in advance. As some persons who may become subscribers will probably want the volumes which have been already published, some of which are become very scarce, they propose to reprint as many of them as may be required, and sell them at the same price in proportion as the future numbers, provided that the number of subscribers for whole sets or for any one volume should amount to three hundred."

The efforts now made to strengthen the hands of the Society by aid to their publications do not appear to have been as fruitful of results as could have been desired. Indeed, the Committee appointed at a meeting in December of this year, "to consider the mode of publishing the Collections of the Society," reported, in April following, "that it is not expedient to continue the publication at present." The issuing of the Col-

lections, therefore, for the years 1796 and 1797 was suspended. A renewed effort in the mean time to increase their funds would seem to have been more successful, for, at the meeting in December, a Committee, previously appointed, reported that it was expedient to continue the publications of the Society; whereupon it was voted to print a volume in quarterly parts, beginning in January, 1798. This constitutes the fifth volume of the Society, — the last volume issued in parts or numbers. The sixth volume, for 1799, — that is, the volume printed in that year, — bore the date "1800" upon the title-page. That for 1800 bore upon its title "1801." Vol. VIII., the first volume numbered upon the title-page, bore date, "1802"; and Vol. IX., "1804."

But their financial embarrassments were not at an end. The sale of the publications was quite inadequate to supply their needs for continuing the work. Some of the earlier volumes, issued in monthly parts, were wanting to make up complete sets, and it was very desirable to have them reprinted, but the means were wanting. The yearly assessments were small, and these were not always promptly paid. Five years, therefore, elapsed from the publication of Vol. IX., in 1804, before the tenth volume, completing the first decade or series, appeared, in 1809; with a Chronological Table, General Index, Index of Authors, Laws of the Society, and List of Members, prepared principally by Dr. Freeman.

Without dwelling further upon such details, it may be added that the volumes of Collections, for a considerable number of years afterward, made their appearance with no greater regularity than had marked the earlier issues. Sometimes three or four volumes would appear in as many years, and then an interval of three, four,

or five years would occur before another was prepared. Other causes than those referred to may have occasionally interposed. The volumes in the first four decades were issued on an average of about one volume in two years. The later volumes have appeared much oftener. Since the endowment of the Society with a fund for publishing the Collections, they have been enabled to publish to a greater extent; each of the last thirteen volumes embracing about double the quantity of matter contained in any preceding volume. The volumes of Proceedings, printed principally from a fund for that purpose, have made their appearance at more regular intervals. But some of these details do not strictly belong to the period of which we are now writing.

The Committee thought it was desirable to include in this volume the portraits of the ten original members of the Society, so far as they could be found. We have been successful in procuring all but the portrait of Mr. Baylies, of whom, it is believed, none exists, — his granddaughter reporting that he never would consent to have his picture taken.

These portraits, with one exception, have been prepared by means of the heliotype process, by the "Heliotype Printing Company" of this city. The portrait of Dr. Belknap is from a picture originally taken from a red-chalk drawing in the Society's possession. That of Dr. Eliot is from an oil painting belonging to the Society, taken by a Boston artist, named King, in 1779, when the subject of it was twenty-five years of age. That of Dr. Thacher is taken from a small, simple wood-engraving, published, in 1806, in the third volume of the "Polyanthos," first series. The portrait of William Tudor is from an oil painting by Stuart, in possession

of Mr. Robert Hallowell Gardiner, of Gardiner, Maine, whose valuable assistance in aid of our endeavors to secure a good representation of the original deserves our warmest acknowledgments. The portrait of Judge Winthrop is from a miniature in the possession of his great-niece, Mrs. J. J. De Wolf, of Providence, Rhode Island. That of Dr. Freeman is from a lithographic picture hanging in the study of King's Chapel, originally taken from an oil painting by Stuart, now in the possession of Mr. Joseph Coolidge, of this city. That of Judge Minot is from an oil portrait by Gullager, a Boston artist, in possession of his grandson, Mr. George R. Minot, of Boston, to whom the thanks of the Society are due for a fine photograph of the picture for the Society's Cabinet. The picture of Mr. Wallcut is from a silhouette, presented to the Society some years ago by his nephew, the Rev. Robert Folger Wallcut, of this city. The portrait of Governor Sullivan, the first President of the Society, placed as a frontispiece to the volume, is a steel engraving, originally prepared for a memoir by his grandson, Mr. Thomas C. Amory, from the original Stuart portrait, now hanging in the Society's Library. The steel plate was generously placed at the Society's disposal for this purpose by Mr. Amory.

Fac-similes of the handwriting of each of the ten original members are placed, in most instances, with the portraits of those members. A letter of Mr. Baylies, of whom there is no portrait, is placed at p. 246. A *fac-simile* of the first page of the original records of the Society, in Secretary Wallcut's hand, is placed in the volume at the beginning of that page.

Portraits of the Presidents of the Society have also been included in the work. The portrait of Governor

Sullivan, the first President, has already been mentioned in the list of original members. That of Governor Gore, the second President, is a heliotype from an oil painting, by Trumbull, belonging to the Society. That of Judge Davis, the third President, is a heliotype from an oil painting, by Cole, also in the Society's possession. The portraits of Lieutenant-Governor Winthrop and Mr. Savage will appear in the next volume.

Pictures of the buildings in which the Society was privileged to occupy an apartment for its Library and Cabinet, from the earliest period to the present, are given, so far as they could be found. Of the first building, the "Manufactory House," so called, a building of some historical note, no representation has been found. A picture of Faneuil Hall, before its enlargement in 1806, is given from an engraving of it in the "Massachusetts Magazine," for March, 1789, as, in the north-west corner of that building, in the attic, a small apartment was occupied by the Society for about two years. A picture of the Tontine Crescent, on the south side of Franklin Place, is also given from an engraving of it in the "Massachusetts Magazine" for March, 1794. Here the Society, in the upper room, over the Arch, kept its Library and Cabinet, and held its meetings, for thirty-nine years. The Tontine Crescent has now passed away. A picture of the building erected by the Provident Institution for Savings on Tremont Street (on the Society's present location), apartments in which the Society purchased and removed to in 1833, is also included. This building was taken down in 1872, and the present structure erected upon the old spot, the first meeting in which was held by the Society in April, 1873.

Two additional portraits of members are given to

accompany their memoirs; namely, that of William Tudor, Jr., from an original Stuart, in possession of Mr. Robert H. Gardiner, of Gardiner, Maine, and that of Governor Strong, a steel engraving from a picture by Stuart, in possession of A. C. Thompson, D.D., of Roxbury.

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We cannot omit, in conclusion, to acknowledge here the Society's indebtedness to the Recording Secretary, Mr. George Dexter, for preparing, as a labor of love, the excellent index to this volume.

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BOSTON, April 10, 1879.

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MEMBERS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY,

CHOSEN PREVIOUSLY TO THE ANNUAL MEETING IN APRIL, 1855,

IN THE ORDER OF THEIR ELECTION.

RESIDENT MEMBERS.

[Those with * prefixed have died, and those with † ceased to be members, by resignation, removal from the State, or otherwise.]

Name.	*Residence.*	*Date of Election.*	*Membership ceased.*	*Age.*
*Rev. Jeremy Belknap, D.D.	Boston	24 January, 1791	d. 20 June, 1798	54
*Rev. John Eliot, D.D.	"	" " "	d. 14 February, 1813	58
*Rev. James Freeman, D.D.	"	" " "	d. 14 November, 1835	76
*Hon. James Sullivan, LL.D.	"	" " "	d. 10 December, 1808	64
*Rev. Peter Thacher, D.D.	"	" " "	d. 16 December, 1802	50
*Hon. William Tudor, A.M.	"	" " "	d. 8 July, 1819	69
*Mr. Thomas Wallcut	"	" " "	d. 5 June, 1840	82
*Hon. James Winthrop, LL.D.	Cambridge	" " "	d. 26 September, 1821	72
*†Hon. William Baylies, M.D.	Dighton	" " "	R. 25 April, 1815	
*Hon. George Richards Minot, A.M.	Boston	" " "	d. 2 January, 1802	43
*Hon. David Sewall, LL.D.	York, Me.	11 October, "	d. 22 October, 1825	90
*Isaac Lothrop, Esq.	Plymouth	" " "	d. 25 July, 1808	73
*Hon. John Davis, LL.D.	Boston	23 December, 1791	d. 14 January, 1847	86
*†Rev. Manasseh Cutler, LL.D.	Hamilton	29 May, 1792	R. 25 April, 1815	
*Aaron Dexter, M.D.	Boston	" " "	d. 28 February, 1829	78
*†Hon. Daniel Davis, A.M.	Cambridge	" " "	R. 26 June, 1834	
*Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, D.D.	Boston	13 August, 1792	d. 3 April, 1842	73
*Thomas Pemberton, Esq.	"	" " "	d. 5 July, 1807	79
*†William Wetmore, A.M.	"	" " "	R. 29 August, 1815	
*Dr. Redford Webster	"	" " "	d. 31 August, 1833	72
*Hon. Peleg Coffin	"	" " "	d. 6 March, 1805	48
*William Dandridge Peck, A.M.	Cambridge	8 October, "	d. 3 October, 1822	59
*John Mellen, A.M.	"	23 " "	d. 19 September, 1828	76
*†Hon. Nathaniel Freeman	Sandwich	" " "	R. 25 October, 1808	
*†Hon. Alden Bradford, LL.D.	Boston	2 January, 1793	R. 27 January, 1820	
*Rev. John Prince, LL.D.	Salem	29 " "	d. 7 June, 1836	85
*Hon. Dudley Atkins Tyng, LL.D.	Boston	30 April, "	d. 1 August, 1829	69
*Ezekiel Price, Esq.	"	" " "	d. 15 July, 1802	74
*†Mr. Samuel Turell	"	30 July, "	Exp. 27 August, 1811	
*†Rev. John Thornton Kirkland, D.D., LL.D.	"	26 January, 1796	R. 24 April, 1828	
*†Rev. Jedediah Morse, D.D.	Charlestown	" " "	Rem. 1820?	
*Rev. John Clarke, D.D.	Boston	" " "	d. 2 April, 1798	42
*Rev. William Bentley, D.D.	Salem	25 March, "	d. 29 December, 1819	60
*James Perkins, Esq.	Boston	" " "	d. 1 August, 1822	61
*†Hon. William Spooner, M.D.	"	26 April, "	R. 28 May, 1835	

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*Hon. Josiah Quincy, LL.D.	Boston	26 July, 1796	d. 1 July, 1864	92
*Eben Parsons, Esq.	,,	31 January, 1797	d. 27 November, 1819	74
*Thomas Brattle, A.M.	Cambridge	25 April, ,,	d. 7 February, 1801	59
*William Fiske, A.B.	Waltham	,, ,, ,,	d. 13 August, 1803	49
*Gamaliel Bradford, A.M.	Boston	31 October, ,,	d. 7 March, 1824	60
*Caleb Gannett, A.M.	Cambridge	,, ,, ,,	d. 25 April, 1818	73
*Hon. Christopher Gore, LL.D.	Waltham	30 January, 1798	d. 1 March, 1827	68
*Rev. John Bradford, A.M.	Roxbury	,, ,, ,,	d. 27 January, 1825	69
*†Hon. Daniel Kilham, A.M.	Wenham	24 April, ,,	R. 29 April, 1830	
*Rev. Abiel Holmes, D.D., LL.D.	Cambridge	,, ,, ,,	d. 4 June, 1837	73
*Hon. Josiah Bartlett, M.D.	Charlestown	,, ,, ,,	d. 3 March, 1820	61
*Hon. Benjamin Lincoln, A.M.	Hingham	19 July, ,,	d. 9 May, 1810	77
*Isaac Rand, M.D.	Boston	,, ,, ,,	d. 11 December, 1822	79
*†Rev. Ebenezer Fitch, D.D.	Williamstown	30 October, ,,	R. 2 April, 1817	
*John Williams, A.M.	Deerfield	,, ,, ,,	d. 27 July, 1816	65
*Rev. Jonathan Homer, D.D.	Newton	30 April, 1799	d. 11 August, 1843	84
*†Rev. John Allyn, D.D.	Duxbury	29 October, 1799	R. 5 May, 1831	
*†Rev. Eliphalet Pearson, LL.D.	Andover	28 January, 1800	R. 28 August, 1810	
*Marston Watson, Esq.	Boston	29 April, ,,	d. 7 August, 1800	45
*Hon. William Sullivan, LL.D.	,,	,, ,, ,,	d. 3 September, 1839	64
*Hon. John Adams, LL.D.	Quincy	31 July, ,,	d. 4 July, 1826	90
*Hon. Caleb Strong, LL.D.	Northampton	,, ,, ,,	d. 7 November, 1819	74
*Hon. Thomas Lindall Winthrop, LL.D.	Boston	25 October, ,,	d. 22 February, 1841	81
*†John Langdon Sullivan, A.M., M.D.	,,	28 April, 1801	Rem. 1818	
*†Elias Haskett Derby, A.M.	Salem	,, ,, ,,	R. 1801	
*†Rev. Zephaniah Willis, A.M.	Kingston	,, ,, ,,	R. 25 April, 1815	
*Rev. William Emerson, A.M.	Boston	13 July, ,,	d. 12 May, 1811	42
*†Rev. John Snelling Popkin, D.D.	Cambridge	,, ,, ,,	R. 26 January, 1826	
*†Charles Bulfinch, A.M.	Boston	1 October, 1801	Rem. December, 1817	
*Hon. John Quincy Adams, LL.D.	Quincy	27 April, 1802	d. 23 February, 1848	80
*†Stephen Higginson, Esq.	Boston	25 January, 1803	R. 25 August, 1812	
*Rev. Peter Whitney, A.M.	Northborough	28 August, 1804	d. 29 February, 1816	71
*†Obadiah Rich, Esq.	Boston	5 March, 1805	Rem. 1815?	
*William Smith Shaw, A.M.	,,	7 November, 1805	d. 25 April, 1826	47
*Rev. Joseph McKean, D.D., LL.D.	Cambridge	7 September, 1808	d. 17 March, 1818	41
*Hon. Joseph Allen	Worcester	,, ,, ,,	d. 2 September, 1827	78
*Hon. Joshua Thomas, A.M.	Plymouth	25 October, ,,	d. 10 January, 1821	69
*Rev. John Pierce, D.D.	Brookline	31 January, 1809	d. 24 August, 1849	76
*Joseph Coolidge, Esq.	Boston	25 April, 1811	d. 19 November, 1840	67
*Rev. Joseph Stevens Buckminster, A.M.	,,	,, ,, ,,	d. 9 June, 1812	28
*Isaiah Thomas, LL.D.	Worcester	,, ,, ,,	d. 4 April, 1831	82
*Samuel Davis, A.M.	Plymouth	30 January, 1812	d. 10 July, 1829	64
*†Joseph Tilden, A.M.	Boston	,, ,, ,,	R. 25 April, 1816	
*Elisha Clap, A.M.	,,	29 October, ,,	d. 22 October, 1830	54
*Hon. James Savage, LL.D.	,,	28 January, 1813	d. 9 March, 1873	86
*†Ephraim Eliot, A.M.	,,	24 August, ,,	R. 26 January, 1826	
†Rev. Charles Lowell, D.D.	Cambridge	29 August, 1815	R. 10 January, 1856	
* Do., re-elected		14 July, 1859	d. 20 January, 1861	78
*†Hon. Charles Jackson, LL.D.	Boston	29 August, 1815	R. 18 November, 1841	
*†Levi Hedge, LL.D.	Cambridge	,, ,, ,,	R. 25 January, 1827	
*William Tudor, A.M.	Boston	25 April, 1816	d. 9 March, 1830	51
*Hon. Joseph Story, LL.D.	Cambridge	,, ,, ,,	d. 10 September, 1845	66
*Hon. Leverett Saltonstall, LL.D.	Salem	27 August, 1816	d. 8 May, 1845	61
*Rev. Stephen Palmer, A.M.	Needham	,, ,, ,,	d. 31 October, 1821	55
*†Ichabod Tucker, A.M.	Salem	26 August, 1817	R. 25 April, 1844	
*Hon. Francis Calley Gray, LL.D.	Boston	29 January, 1818	d. 29 December, 1856	66
†Hon. John Pickering, LL.D.	,,	,, ,, ,,	R. 5 May, 1831	
* Do., re-elected		25 June, 1835	d. 5 May, 1846	69

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*†Nathaniel Greenwood Snelling, Esq.	Boston	29 January, 1818	R. 26 December, 1844	
*Hon. Nahum Mitchell, A.M.	Bridgewater	25 August, ,,	d. 1 August, 1853	84
*Benjamin Ropes Nichols, A.M.	Salem	28 January, 1819	d. 30 April, 1848	62
*Hon. William Winthrop, A.M.	Cambridge	27 January, 1820	d. 5 February, 1825	72
*Hon. Nathan Hale, LL.D.	Boston	,, ,, ,,	d. 8 February, 1863	78
*Rev. Samuel Ripley, A.M.	Waltham	,, ,, ,,	d. 24 November, 1847	60
*Hon. Edward Everett, LL.D.	Boston	27 April, ,,	d. 15 January, 1865	70
*Hon. James Cushing Merrill, A.M.	,,	,, ,, ,,	d. 4 October, 1853	69
*Hon. Daniel Webster, LL.D	Marshfield	27 August, 1821	d. 24 October, 1852	70
*Rev. William Jenks, D.D.	Boston	,, ,, ,,	d. 13 November, 1866	87
*James Bowdoin, A.M.	,,	,, ,, ,,	d. 6 March, 1843	38
*Rev. Henry Ware, Jr, D.D.	Cambridge	3 January, 1822	d. 22 September, 1843	49
*William Jones Spooner, A.M.	Boston	25 April, ,,	d. 17 October, 1824	30
*Rev. Ezra Shaw Goodwin, A.M.	Sandwich	,, ,, ,,	d. 5 February, 1833	45
*Hon. John Lowell, LL.D.	Boston	30 January, 1823	d. 12 March, 1840	70
*†Hon. Theodore Lyman, A.M.	,,	24 April, ,,	R. 30 May, 1836	
*Samuel Pickering Gardner, A.M.	,,	24 August, 1824	d. 18 December, 1843	75
*Gamaliel Bradford, M.D.	,,	28 April, 1825	d. 22 October, 1839	44
*Rev. Francis William Pitt Greenwood, D.D.	,,	,, ,, ,,	d. 2 August, 1843	46
†Hon. John Gorham Palfrey, D.D., LL.D.	Cambridge	,, ,, ,,	R. 28 June, 1838	
† Do., re-elected		30 June, 1842	R. 17 April, 1854	
*†Caleb Hopkins Snow, M.D.	Boston	29 August, 1826	R. 26 February, 1835	
*Jared Sparks, LL.D.	Cambridge	,, ,, ,,	d. 14 March, 1866	76
*Benjamin Merrill, LL.D.	Salem	,, ,, ,,	d. 30 July, 1847	63
*Joseph Emerson Worcester, LL.D.	Cambridge	26 April, 1827	d. 27 October, 1865	81
*†Joshua Coffin, A.B.	Newbury	28 August, 1827	Rem. December, 1835	
*Hon. Nathan Dane, LL.D.	Beverly	29 January, 1829	d. 15 February, 1835	82
*Joseph Willard, A.M.	Boston	,, ,, ,,	d. 12 May, 1865	67
*†Hon. Alexander Hill Everett, LL.D.	,,	24 August, 1830	Rem. 1841	
*Lemuel Shattuck, Esq.	,,	,, ,, ,,	d. 17 January, 1859	66
*Isaac P. Davis, Esq.	,,	,, ,, ,,	d. 13 January, 1855	83
*†Alonzo Lewis, Esq.	Lynn	,, ,, ,,	R. 1 January, 1844	
*Rev. Joseph Barlow Felt, A.M.	Boston	,, ,, ,,	d. 8 September, 1869	79
*Hon. Lemuel Shaw, LL.D.	,,	5 May, 1831	d. 30 March, 1861	80
*†Hon. James Trecothick Austin, LL.D.	,,	,, ,, ,,	R. 10 January, 1836	
*Rev. Benjamin Blydenburgh Wisner, D.D.	,,	,, ,, ,,	d. 9 February, 1835	40
*Rev. Convers Francis, D.D.	Cambridge	,, ,, ,,	d. 7 April, 1863	67
*Hon. John Welles, A.M.	Boston	26 January, 1832	d. 25 September, 1855	90
†Hon. Charles Wentworth Upham, A.M.	Salem	,, ,, ,,	R. 19 May, 1852	
* Do., re-elected		14 November, 1867	d. 15 June, 1875	73
*William Lincoln, A.B.	Worcester	26 January, 1832	d. 5 October, 1843	44
*George Ticknor, LL.D.	Boston	25 July, 1833	d. 26 January, 1871	79
*Rev. John Codman, D.D.	Dorchester	,, ,, ,,	d. 23 December, 1847	65
*Hon. Nathan Appleton, LL.D.	Boston	26 June, 1834	d. 14 July, 1861	81
†Hon. George Bancroft, LL.D.	Northampton	,, ,, ,,	Rem. December, 1849	
*Rev. Alexander Young, D.D.	Boston	25 June, 1835	d. 16 March, 1854	53
*Hon. Rufus Choate, LL.D.	,,	,, ,, ,,	d. 13 July, 1859	59
*Hon. John Glen King, A.M.	Salem	,, ,, ,,	d. 26 July, 1857	70
*†Rev. Samuel Sewall, A.M.	Burlington	28 January, 1836	R. 29 August, 1837	
*Hon. Daniel Appleton White, LL.D.	Salem	26 May, ,,	d. 30 March, 1861	84
*†William Gibbs, Esq.	Lexington	30 August, ,,	R. 27 March, 1851	
*†Josiah Bartlett, M.D.	Concord	,, ,, ,,	R. 12 March, 1857	
*Hon. Simon Greenleaf, LL.D.	Boston	23 November, 1837	d. 6 October, 1853	69
*†Hon. Francis Baylies	Taunton	,, ,, ,,	R. March, 1848	
*William Hickling Prescott, LL.D.	Boston	26 July, 1838	d. 28 January, 1859	62
Hon. Robert Charles Winthrop, LL.D.	,,	31 October, 1839		
*†Rev. William Cogswell, D.D.	,,	,, ,, ,,	Rem. April, 1841	
*Rev. Alvan Lamson, D.D.	Dedham	30 April, 1840	d. 18 July, 1864	71

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*Hon. Nathaniel Morton Davis, A.M.	Plymouth	30 July, 1840	d. 29 July, 1848	63
Hon. Charles Francis Adams, LL.D.	Quincy	25 March, 1841		
*Hon. Samuel Hoar, LL.D.	Concord	30 September, 1841	d. 2 November, 1856	78
*Rev. William Parsons Lunt, D.D.	Quincy	" " "	d. 21 March, 1857	51
Rev. George Edward Ellis, D.D.	Charlestown	28 October, "		
Hon. John Chipman Gray, LL.D.	Boston	30 December, "		
*Rev. Nathaniel Langdon Frothingham, D.D.	"	26 October, 1843	d. 4 April, 1870	76
*†Oliver William Bourne Peabody, A.M.	"	" " "	Rem. August, 1845	
*Hon. George Stillman Hillard, LL.D.	"	" " "	d. 21 January, 1879	70
*Hon. William Minot, A.M.	"	23 November, 1843	d. 2 June, 1873	89
Hon. Peleg Whitman Chandler, LL.D.	"	25 January, 1844		
Rev. George Washington Blagden, D.D.	"	29 February, "		
Rev. Lucius Robinson Paige, D.D.	Cambridge	30 May, "		
Hon. Solomon Lincoln, A.M.	Hingham	30 January, 1845		
Rev. Chandler Robbins, D.D.	Boston	4 December, "		
†Francis Bowen, A.M.	Cambridge	" " "	R. 14 February, 1878.	
John Langdon Sibley, A.M.	"	1 January, 1846		
Hon. Richard Frothingham, LL.D.	Charlestown	30 July, "		
*Hon. Nathaniel Bradstreet Shurtleff, M.D.	Boston	25 March, 1847	d. 17 October, 1874	64
Henry Wheatland, M.D.	Salem	27 January, 1848		
*Thaddeus William Harris, M.D.	Cambridge	" " "	d. 16 January, 1856	60
†Rev. William Ives Budington, D.D.	Charlestown	30 March, "	Rem. July, 1854	
*Hon. David Sears, A.M.	Boston	27 April, "	d. 14 January, 1871	83
*Sylvester Judd, Esq.	Northampton	" " "	d. 18 April, 1860	71
*Thomas Hopkins Webb, M.D.	Boston	28 September, 1848	d. 2 August, 1866	84
Charles Deane, LL.D.	Cambridge	25 October, 1849		
*George Livermore, A.M.	"	22 November, 1849	d. 30 August, 1865	56
†Rev. William Barry, A.M.	Lowell	31 January, 1850	Rem. 1853?	
Francis Parkman, LL.B.	Boston	26 February, 1852		
Ellis Ames, A.M.	Canton	12 August, "		
†Samuel Eliot, LL.D.	Brookline	10 March, 1853	Rem. 24 June, 1856	
Do., re-elected	Boston	20 April, 1865		
*Hon. John Henry Clifford, LL.D.	New Bedford	13 October, 1853	d. 2 January, 1876	66
*William Brigham, A.B.	Boston	8 December, 1853	d. 9 July, 1869	62
*Hon. Abbott Lawrence, LL.D.	"	" " "	d. 18 August, 1855	62
*Hon. Emory Washburn, LL.D.	Cambridge	8 June, 1854	d. 18 March, 1877	77
Rev. Samuel Kirkland Lothrop, D.D.	Boston	" " "		
Rev. William Newell, D.D.	Cambridge	14 December, 1854		
*Hon. Lorenzo Sabine, A.M.	Framingham	" " "	d. 14 April, 1877	74

HONORARY OR CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.*

Name.	*Residence.*	*Date of Election.*
*Ebenezer Hazard, Esq.	Philadelphia, Pa.	29 May, 1792.
*Hon. John Jay, LL.D.	New York, N.Y.	" " "
*James Perkins, Esq.†	Cape François	" " "
*Hon. David Ramsay, M.D.	Charleston, S.C.	" " "
*Rev. Alexander Spark	Quebec, L.C.	" " "
*Charles Thomson, LL.D.	Philadelphia, Pa.	" " "
*Noah Webster, LL.D.	New Haven, Conn.	13 August, 1792.
*Hon. Samuel Tenney, M.D.	Exeter, N.H.	8 October, "
*Rev. John Erskine, D.D.	Edinburgh, Scot.	" " "
*Rev. Ezra Stiles, D.D., LL.D.	New Haven, Conn.	23 " "
*†Hon. Edmund Randolph	Philadelphia, Pa.	" " "
*Hon. Nathaniel Niles, A.M.	Fairlee, Vt.	2 January, 1793.
*Rev. Andrew Brown, D.D.	Edinburgh, Scot.	30 April, "
*Rev. John Jones Spooner, A.M.	Martin's Brandon, Va.	26 November, 1793.
*Hon. Winthrop Sargent, A.M.	Natchez, Miss.	28 January, 1794.
*Rev. Christopher D. Ebeling (Professor)	Hamburg, Ger.	28 October, "
*John Coakley Lettsom, M.D., LL.D.	London, Eng.	27 January, 1795.
*Sir William Jones	Calcutta, Bengal	" " "
*Phineas Miller, Esq.	Savannah, Ga.	17 August, "
*Hugh Williamson, M.D., LL.D.	Edenton, N.C.	" " "
*Rev. David McClure, D.D.	East Windsor, Conn.	" " "
*James Clarke, Esq.	Halifax, N.S.	" " "
*Hon. St. George Tucker, LL.D.	Williamsburg, Va.	" " "
*Gardiner Baker, Esq.	New York, N.Y.	" " "
*Benjamin Smith Barton, M.D.	Philadelphia, Pa.	26 January, 1796.
*†Hon. William Blount	Tennessee	25 October, "
*Gilbert Harrison Hubbard, A.M.	Demerara, Guiana	18 November, 1796.
*Isaac Senter, M.D.	Newport, R.I.	" " "
*Hon. Oliver Wolcott, LL.D.	New York, N.Y.	" " "
*Rev. Asa Norton	Paris, N.Y.	31 January, 1797.
*Hon. Stephen Van Rensselaer, LL.D.	Albany, N.Y.	" " "
*Hon. Henry William Desaussure	Charleston, S.C.	25 April, "
*Lemuel Kollock, M.D.	Savannah, Ga.	" " "
*Ephraim Ramsay, Esq.	Charleston, S.C.	" " "
*Rev. Timothy Dwight, D.D., LL.D.	New Haven, Conn.	31 October, "
*John Dunn, LL.D.	Killaly, Ireland	1 December, 1797.

* The Act of Incorporation of Feb. 19, 1794, authorized the Society to elect two classes of members: viz., those not otherwise designated than as "Members," of whom there should never be more than sixty, and "Honorary Members," residing without the limits of the Commonwealth. The former class was almost uniformly designated by the Society as "Resident Members," and the latter as "Corresponding Members." By an amendment of the Charter in 1857, the Society was authorized to elect three classes of Members, — Resident, Corresponding, and Honorary.

† Mr. Perkins's name was in 1796 transferred to the Resident roll.

Name.	*Residence.*	*Date of Election.*
*Elihu Hubbard Smith, A.M., M.D.	New York, N.Y.	1 December, 1797.
*Samuel Latham Mitchill, M.D., LL.D.	" "	30 January, 1798.
*Benjamin Thompson, Count Rumford	Auteuil, France	" " "
*Hon. Timothy Pickering, LL.D.	Then of Philadelphia, Pa.	24 April, "
*Rev. Andrew Eliot, A.M.	Fairfield, Conn.	30 October, "
*Rev. Benjamin Trumbull, D.D.	North Haven, Conn.	" " "
*Hon. Jonathan Trumbull, LL.D.	Lebanon, Conn.	30 April, 1799.
*Benjamin De Witt, M.D.	Albany, N.Y.	18 July, "
*Caspar Wistar, M.D.	Philadelphia, Pa.	" " "
*Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D.	New York, N.Y.	" " "
*Thomas Pieronnet, Esq.	Demerara	28 January, 1800.
*Rev. Arthur Homer, D.D.	Cambridge, Eng.	" " "
*Hon. Theodore Foster, A.M.	Providence, R.I.	25 October, "
*Rev. Thomas Hall	Leghorn	28 April, 1801.
*Rev. Timothy Alden, D.D.	Meadville, Pa.	1 October, 1801.
*John Newman, M.D.	Salisbury, N.C.	27 April, 1802.
*Rev. Ezra Sampson, A.B.	Hudson, N.Y.	2 August, 1802.
*John Vaughan, Esq.	Philadelphia, Pa.	" " "
*William Barton, A.M.	Lancaster, Pa.	26 October, "
*Ebenezer Grant Marsh, A.M.	New Haven, Conn.	1 September, 1803.
*Richard Watson, D.D., Bishop of Llandaff	Cumberlandshire, Eng.	31 January, 1804.
*Anthony Fothergill, M.D.	Bath, Eng.	28 August, "
*William Johnson, Esq.	New York, N.Y.	28 May, 1805.
*Charles Mary Wentworth, A.M.	Halifax, N.S.	" " "
*Robert Anderson, M.D.	Edinburgh, Scot.	27 August, 1805.
*Hon. Samuel Eddy, LL.D.	Providence, R.I.	" " "
*Gen. Charles Vallancey	Dublin, Ireland	7 November, 1805.
*Hon. William Plumer	Epping, N.H.	25 August, 1807.
*Hon. John Wheelock, LL.D.	Hanover, N.H.	" " "
*Jonathan Williams, Esq.	Philadelphia, Pa.	27 October, "
*Rt. Hon. Earl of Buchan	Edinburgh, Scot.	30 August, 1808.
*Benjamin Silliman, M.D., LL.D.	New Haven, Conn.	7 September, 1808.
*Rev. John Bassett, A.M.	Albany, N.Y.	29 August, 1809.
*Rev. John Disney, D.D.	The Hyde, Eng.	" " "
*Hon. John Marshall, LL.D.	Richmond, Va.	" " "
*Col. Constant Freeman	Fort Nelson	25 April, 1811.
*Moses Fiske, A.M.	White Plains, Tenn.	31 October, 1811.
*Hon. Timothy Pitkin, LL.D.	Farmington, Conn.	25 August, 1812.
*Edward Jenner, M.D., LL.D.	England	29 October, "
*Elkanah Watson *	Port Kent, N.Y.	
*Rev. Eliphalet Nott, D.D., LL.D.	Schenectady, N.Y.	29 April, 1813.
*Hon. Elias Boudinot, LL.D.	Burlington, N.J.	" " "
*Hon. John Cotton Smith, LL.D.	Sharon, Conn.	" " "
*John Pintard, LL.D.	New York, N.Y.	28 October, 1813.
*David Hosack, M.D., LL.D.	" "	27 January, 1814.
*John Wakefield Francis, M.D.	" "	" " "
*Rev. William Harris, D.D.	" "	" " "
*Hon. De Witt Clinton, LL.D.	" "	28 April, "
*Rev. James Richards, D.D.	Auburn, N.Y.	26 January, 1815.
*George Chalmers, F.R.S.	London, Eng.	25 April, 1816.
*Hon. Charles Humphrey Atherton, A.M.	Amherst, N.H.	" " "
*Michael Joy, Esq.	Stratham Park, Eng.	27 August, 1816.
*Rev. Robert Morrison, D.D.	Canton, China	31 October, "
*Hon. Samuel Bayard, A.M.	Princeton, N.J.	24 April, 1817.

* There is no evidence in the records that Elkanah Watson was ever chosen a Corresponding Member. His name appears for the first time in a list in 2 Collections, X. 192, issued in 1823.

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Name.	*Residence.*	*Date of Election.*
*Major Hugh McCall	Savannah, Ga.	30 October, 1817.
*Baron Alexander Von Humboldt	Berlin, Prussia	" " "
*Hon. Peter Stephen Du Ponceau, LL.D.	Philadelphia, Pa.	29 January, 1818.
*William Trumbull Williams, Esq.	Connecticut	30 April, "
*Jonathan Goodhue, Esq.	New York, N.Y.	29 April, 1819.
*Robert Southey, LL.D.	Keswick, Eng.	" " "
*Hon. Gulian C. Verplanck, LL.D.	New York, N.Y.	27 January, 1820.
*Elisha Hutchinson, Esq.	Birmingham, Eng.	27 April, "
*Robert Walsh, LL.D.	Philadelphia, Pa.	29 August, "
*John Van Ness Yates, Esq.	Albany, N.Y.	" " "
*M. Carlo Botta	Paris, France	26 October, "
*Hon. Jeremiah Mason, LL.D.	Portsmouth, N.H.	26 April, 1821.
*Nathaniel Appleton Haven, A.M.	" "	3 January, 1822.
*John Farmer, A.M.	Amherst, N.H.	" " "
*Sir Walter Scott	Abbotsford, Scot.	" " "
*Friedrich von Adelung	Berlin, Prussia	25 April, "
*William Lee, Esq.	Washington, D.C.	27 August, "
*Adm. Sir Isaac Coffin, A.M.	London, Eng.	31 October, "
*George William Erving, Esq.	New York, N.Y.	" " "
*Samuel Williams, A.M.	London, Eng.	30 October, 1823.
*Hon. Rufus King, LL.D.	New York, N.Y.	24 August, 1824.
*Julius de Wallenstein	Prussia	" " "
*M. François Barbé de Marbois, LL.D.	Paris, France	" " "
*General Gilbert Motier de Lafayette, LL.D.	" "	" " "
*Rev. Gregorio Funes, D.D.	Cordova, Tucuman, S.A.	27 October, 1825.
*Don Manuel Moreno, M.D.	Buenos Ayres	" " "
*Don José Maria Salazar	Colombia	" " "
*Adam Winthrop, A.M.	New Orleans, La.	27 April, 1826.
*Rev. John Hutchinson	England	28 August, 1827.
*Hon. Theodoric Bland	Annapolis, Md.	" " "
*Sen. Manuel Lorenzo Vidaurré		19 February, 1829.
*Hon. Albert Gallatin, LL.D.	New York, N.Y.	" " "
*Rev. Timothy Flint, A.B.	Red River, La.	" " "
*Prof. Charles Christian Rafn, Ph.D	Copenhagen, Denmark	30 April, "
*Chevalier Peder Pedersen (Danish Minister)	Denmark	" " "
*Hon. Thomas C. Haliburton, D.C.L.	Nova Scotia	29 October, "
*Hon. Washington Irving, LL.D.	Sunnyside, N.Y.	" " "
*James Grahame, LL.D.	London, Eng.	" " "
*David Baillie Warden, M.D.	Paris, France	28 January, 1830.
*Rev. Henry Channing, A.M.	New London, Conn.	5 May, 1831.
*John Hay Farnham, A.M.	Salem, Indiana	30 August, 1831.
*John F. Watson, Esq.	Philadelphia, Pa.	26 October, "
*James Dean, LL.D.	Burlington, Vt.	" " "
*Charles Fraser, Esq.	Charleston, S.C.	26 January, 1832.
*†Thomas Aspinwall, A.M.	London, Eng.	26 July, 1833.
*Sir Francis Palgrave	" "	" " "
*Hon. Lewis Cass, LL.D.	Detroit, Mich.	" " "
*Rev. Jasper Adams, D.D.	Pendleton, S.C.	27 August, 1833.
*Hon. Roberts Vaux	Philadelphia, Pa.	31 October, "
*Hon. Theodore Dwight, A.M.	New York, N.Y.	27 March, 1834.
*Theodore Dwight, Jr., A.M.	" "	" " "
*James Mease, M.D.	Philadelphia, Pa.	26 June, "
*Hon. William Jay, LL.D.	Bedford, Pa.	" " "
*Hon. Jonathan Sewall, LL.D.	Quebec, L.C.	26 February, 1835.
*Sir John Caldwell	" "	" " "
*Sharon Turner, Esq.	Winchmore Hill, Eng.	25 June, "
*Francis Bayard Winthrop	New Haven, Conn.	29 October, "
*M. Adrian de Laval Montmorency	Paris, France	31 December, "

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*M. César Moreau	Paris, France	31 December, 1835.
*John Smyth Rogers, M.D.	New York, N.Y.	" " "
*Erastus Smith, Esq.	New Haven, Conn.	" " "
*M. William Schlegel	Copenhagen, Denmark	" " "
*M. Finn Magnusen	" "	" " "
*Col. Juan Galindo	Guatemala, Central America	28 January, 1836.
*Hon. Henry Adams Bullard, A.M.	New Orleans, La.	26 May, "
*Hon. Richard Biddle	Pittsburg, Pa.	" " "
*Hon. James Kirke Paulding, A.M.	New York, N.Y.	30 June, "
*Hon. Henry Clay, LL.D.	Lexington, Ky.	28 July, "
*Rev. William Allen, D.D.	Brunswick, Me.	" " "
*Hon. Levi Woodbury, LL.D.	Portsmouth, N.H.	" " "
*Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D.D.	Augusta, Me.	27 October, "
*Joshua Francis Fisher, A.M.	Philadelphia, Pa.	" " "
T. A. Moerenhout	Tahiti, Society Islands	" " "
*Usher Parsons, M.D.	Providence, R.I.	24 November, "
*Hon. William Durkee Williamson, A.M.	Bangor, Me.	" " "
*George Folsom, A.M.	New York, N.Y.	29 December, "
*Peter Gerard Stuyvesant, Esq.	" "	31 March, 1837.
Rev. Luther Halsey, D.D.	Auburn, N.Y.	" " "
*Rev. John J. Robertson, D.D.	Syra, Greece	26 October, "
*Jacobaki Rizos	Athens, Greece	" " "
*Hon. Job Durfee, LL.D.	Tiverton, R.I.	" " "
*Hon. A. W. Cochran	Quebec, L.C.	22 February, 1838.
*John Disney, Esq.	Of the Hyde, near Ingatestone, Eng.	28 June, "
*Rev. Francis Lister Hawks, D.D.	New York, N.Y.	26 July, "
Rev. Leonard Bacon, D.D.	New Haven, Conn.	" " "
*James Luce Kingsley, LL.D.	" "	28 August, "
*M. Henri Ternaux-Compans	Paris, France	" " "
*John Stephens, Esq.	New York, N.Y.	27 September, "
*George Catlin, Esq.	" "	" " "
John Winthrop, Esq.	Baton Rouge, La.	25 October, "
*M. Constantine D. Schinas	Athens, Greece	" " "
*Col. William L. Stone	New York, N.Y.	28 February, 1839.
*M. Joaquim José Da Costa de Macedo	Lisbon, Portugal	15 April, "
*Hon. Daniel D. Barnard	Albany, N.Y.	27 June, "
*M. Frederic de Waldeck		26 September, "
*Israel K. Tefft	Savannah, Ga.	31 October, "
*Hon. John McPherson Berrien, LL.D.	" "	" " "
†Edward Jarvis, M.D.	Then of Louisville, Ky.	" " "
*Hon. David L. Swain, LL.D.	North Carolina	26 November, "
*Hon. James M. Wayne, A.B.	Georgia	" " "
*M. Hall McAllister, Esq.	Savannah, Ga.	" " "
Rt. Rev. William B. Stevens, D.D.	" "	30 July, 1840.
*Col. George Bomford	Washington, D.C.	" " "
*Le Chevalier Friedrichsthal	Vienna, Austria	25 August, 1840.
*Henry Black, Esq.	Quebec, L.C.	29 October, "
*†Hon. Joel Parker, LL.D.	Keene, N.H.	" " "
*Rev. John Lee, D.D., LL.D.	Edinburgh, Scot.	" " "
*Hon. Thomas Day, A.M.	Hartford, Conn.	31 December, 1840.
*Count Jacob Gråberg de Hermsö, M.A.	Florence	27 May, 1841.
*Rev. Charles Burroughs, D.D.	Portsmouth, N.H.	24 February, 1842.
*George Atkinson Ward, Esq.	New York, N.Y.	17 November, "
*Rev. Joseph Hunter	London, Eng.	" " "
*Richard Almack, F.S.A.	Long Melford, Suffolk, Eng.	" " "
*Rev. George Oliver	Exeter, Eng.	30 March, 1843.
*Rev. Philip Bliss, LL.D.	Oxford, Eng.	" " "
*Sir Archibald Alison, D.C.L.	Edinburgh, Scot.	27 April, "

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*Col. James D. Graham	U. S. Topographical Engineers	30 May, 1844.
*Robert Lemon, Esq.	London, Eng.	26 September, 1844.
*Thomas C. Grattan, Esq.	England	26 December, "
*Don Pedro de Angelis	Buenos Ayres	30 January, 1845.
*John Romeyn Brodhead, A.M.	New York, N.Y.	" " "
Major E. B. Jarvis	British Army	27 March, "
*Benjamin F. Thompson, Esq.	New York, N.Y.	4 December, "
*Richard, Lord Braybrooke	Audley End, Essex, Eng.	7 May, 1846.
E. George Squier, Esq.	Chillicothe, Ohio	29 June, 1848.
*Payne Kenyon Kilbourne, A.M.	Litchfield, Conn.	23 November, 1846.
*Miss F. M. Caulkins	Norwich, Conn.	26 April, 1849.
*Thomas Donaldson, Esq.	Baltimore, Md.	22 November, 1849.
Hon. George Bancroft, LL.D.	New York, N.Y.	28 February, 1850.
*Don Lucas Alaman	Mexico	" " "
J. Hammond Trumbull, LL.D.	Hartford, Conn.	27 June, "
*Robert Bigsby, LL.D.	Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, Eng.	27 March, 1851.
*Theodoric Romeyn Beck, M.D., LL.D.	Albany, N.Y.	29 May, "
*Rev. Joseph Romilly, A.M.	Cambridge, Eng.	8 July, 1852.
James Ricker, Jr., Esq.	Harlem, N.Y.	11 November, 1852.
*Henry Bond, M.D.	Philadelphia, Pa.	8 September, 1853.
Henry Stevens, F.S.A.	London, Eng.	" " "
*Cyrus Eaton, A.M.	Warren, Me.	" " "
*Baron Macaulay, D.C.L.	London, Eng.	11 May, 1854.
*Henry Hallam, D.C.L.	" "	" " "
*Hon. William Willis	Portland, Me.	" " "
Frederic Griffin, Esq.	Montreal, Canada	10 August, 1854.
*John Carter Brown, A.M.	Providence, R.I.	" " "
*Hon. Elijah Hayward	Columbus, Ohio	" " "
William S. Southgate, Esq.	Scarborough, Me.	14 December, 1854.
Hon. Samuel G. Arnold, LL.D.	Providence, R.I.	8 March, 1855.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY,

CHOSEN PREVIOUSLY TO THE ANNUAL MEETING IN APRIL, 1855.

PRESIDENTS.

James Sullivan	1791–1806
Christopher Gore	1806–1818
John Davis	1818–1835
Thomas L. Winthrop	1835–1841
James Savage	1841–1855

RECORDING SECRETARIES.

Thomas Wallcut	1791–1792
George Richards Minot	1792–1793
James Freeman	1793–1812
Joseph McKean	1812–1818
Charles Lowell	1818–1833
Gamaliel Bradford	1833–1835
Joseph Willard	1835–1857

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Jeremy Belknap	1791–1798
John Eliot	1798–1813
Abiel Holmes	1813–1833
Charles Lowell	1833–1849
Alexander Young	1849–1855

Corresponding Secretary, pro tem.

Thaddeus M. Harris	1837–1840

TREASURERS.

William Tudor	1791–1796, 1799–1803
George Richards Minot	1796–1799
Josiah Quincy	1803–1820
James Savage	1820–1839
Nahum Mitchell	1839–1845
Peleg W. Chandler	1845–1847
Richard Frothingham, Jr.	1847–1877

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Peleg W. Chandler	1844–1845

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John Eliot	1791–1793, 1795–1798
George Richards Minot	1793–1795
John Thornton Kirkland	1798–1806
William S. Shaw	1806–1808
Timothy Alden, Jr.	1808–1809
Joseph McKean	1809–1812
Joseph Tilden	1812–1814
James Savage	1814–1818
Nathaniel G. Snelling	1818–1821
Elisha Clap	1821–1823
William Jenks	1823–1832
James Bowdoin	1832–1833
Joseph Willard	1833–1835
Nahum Mitchell	1835–1836
Joseph B. Felt	1836–1837
Thaddeus M. Harris	1837–1842
Joseph B. Felt	1842–1855

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John T. Kirkland	1798, April to
Thomas Wallcut	1798, August
Thaddeus M. Harris	1837
Lucius R. Paige	1845

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John Eliot	1791–1792
George Richards Minot	1793–1794
Samuel Turell	1794–1808
Timothy Alden, Jr.	1808–1809
Joseph McKean	1809–1810
Redford Webster	1810–1833
Isaac P. Davis	1833–1854
Nathaniel B. Shurtleff	1854–1860

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Josiah Quincy	1798–1802
William Tudor	1803–1807
William Emerson	1803–1809
John T. Kirkland	1806–1812
Thomas L. Winthrop	1810–1835
Abiel Holmes	1811–1813
James Freeman	1812–1826
John Pierce	1813–1834
James Savage	1818–1820
William Tudor, Jr.	1820–1824
Francis C. Gray	1821–1836
Nathan Hale	1824–1836
James Bowdoin	1826–1833
Jared Sparks	1833–1838
James T. Austin	1834–1838
James Savage	1835–1841
Nathan Appleton	1835–1835
Convers Francis	1835–1852
John Davis	1836–1838
Alexander Young	1838–1852
Joseph B. Felt	1838–1839
Samuel P. Gardner	1838–1842
George Ticknor	1839–1852
Joseph Willard	1841–1852
Francis C. Gray	1842–1852
Edward Everett	1852–1853
George E. Ellis	1852–1853
George Livermore	1852–1854
Nathaniel B. Shurtleff	1852–1854
Charles Deane	1852–1856
Robert C. Winthrop	1853–1855
George W. Blagden	1853–1855
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John Eliot, I. 1, 4, 5, 8. II. 1.
James Freeman, I. 1, 3, 4, 5, 8. II. 1, 3, 9.
George R. Minot, I. 1, 4, 6.
James Sullivan, I. 2.
Peter Thacher, I. 2, 8.
William Tudor, I. 2. II. 4.
Redford Webster, I. 2. II. 1.
William Wetmore, I. 3.
Aaron Dexter, I. 3.
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Josiah Quincy, I. 5, 6, 9. II. 2, 3.
John Davis, I. 6, 9. II. 1, 4, 7.
John T. Kirkland, I. 6, 9.
Abiel Holmes, I. 7, 10. II 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10.
William Spooner, I. 7.
Thaddeus M. Harris, I. 7, 10. II. 2. III. 7
William Sullivan, I. 8.
William Emerson, I. 9.
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Alden Bradford, II. 1, 3, 8.
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James Savage, II. 3, 4, 8, 10. III. 1.
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John Pickering, II. 9, 10. III. 2.
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Joseph Willard, III. 3, 4.
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Alexander Young, III. 5, 6, 8. IV. 1.
Lemuel Shattuck, III. 6.
Samuel Sewall, III. 6.
Nathaniel G. Snelling, III. 7.
William H. Prescott, III. 8.
Robert C. Winthrop, III. 9, 10.
Alvan Lamson, III. 9.
Charles F. Adams, III. 9, 10.
Nathaniel L. Frothingham, III. 10.
George Ticknor, IV. 1.
Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, IV. 1, 2.
George E. Ellis, IV. 2.
Chandler Robbins, IV. 2.
Charles Deane, IV. 2.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

JANUARY 24, 1791.*

THE twenty-fourth day, being the last Monday of January, 1791, Mr. Belknap, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Thacher, Mr. Tudor, Mr. Wallcut, and Mr. Winthrop met at the house of William Tudor, Esq.,† and agreed upon the following as the principles

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* The heading is prefixed to the text by the editors, the original record beginning with, — "The twenty-fourth day," &c. — Eds.

† Mr. Tudor's house was in Court Street. The gentlemen, whose names are here recorded, including also Mr. Baylies and Mr. Minot, had previously agreed to form a society; and, though the two last-named were not actually present at this meeting, they were regarded as present and associating. The following, in Dr. Freeman's hand, is written on one of the fly-leaves at the beginning of the second volume of the records of the Society: —

"1790. The Society was planned by the following persons: Rev. Jeremy Belknap, D.D., Rev. John Eliot, D.D., Rev. Peter Thacher, D.D., and William Tudor, Esq., of Boston, and James Winthrop, Esq., of Cambridge. These gentlemen associated with them five other persons: viz., William Baylies, Esq., of Dighton, and Rev. James Freeman, Hon. George Richards Minot, Esq., Hon. James Sullivan, Esq., and Mr. Thomas Wallcut, of Boston.

"1791, Jan. 24. A majority of the above-named persons met together and organized the Society."

These names are alphabetically arranged, agreeably to a rule adopted at the first meeting. For a further history of the formation of the Society, see the "Introduction" to this volume. — Eds.

of the Society, and voted also the following articles for its government: * —

Constitution of the Historical Society.

The preservation of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and records, containing historical facts, biographical anecdotes, temporary projects, and beneficial speculations, conduces to mark the genius, delineate the manners, and trace the progress of society in the United States, and must always have a useful tendency to rescue the true history of this country from the ravages of time and the effects of ignorance and neglect.

A collection of observations and descriptions in natural history and topography, together with specimens of natural and artificial curiosities, and a selection of every thing which can improve and promote the historical knowledge of our country, either in a physical or political view, has long been considered as a desideratum; and, as such a plan can be best executed by a society whose sole and special care shall be confined to the above objects, we, the subscribers, do agree to form such an institution, and to associate for the above purposes, subject to the following regulations: —

ARTICLE I. — This Society shall be called the Historical Society, and consist of a number not exceeding thirty, who

* The original draft of the principal part of this paper is in the handwriting of Mr. Minot, and the remainder in that of Mr. Sullivan, and is indorsed, "Constitution of the Historical Society." It is reprinted in the first volume of the Society's Collections. — EDS.

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shall, at the time of their election, be citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ART. II. — Each member, at the time of his admission, shall pay five dollars, and two dollars annually, to create a fund for the benefit of the Institution. And any member shall be exempted from the annual payment of two dollars, provided he shall, at any time after six months from his admission, pay to the Treasurer thirty-four dollars, in addition to what he had before paid.

ART. III. — All elections shall be made by ballot. No member shall nominate more than one candidate at the same meeting; and all nominations shall be made at a meeting previous to that at which the ballot is to be taken.

ART. IV. — There shall be four stated meetings of the Society in each year; namely, on the last Tuesdays of January, April, July, and October: and occasional meetings shall be convened on due notification from the President, or, in case of his absence, by one of the Secretaries, upon application of any two of the members.

ART. V. — There shall be annually chosen, at the meeting in April, a President, a Recording and [a] Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, and a standing committee of three.

ART. VI. — All communications which are thought worthy of preservation shall be entered at large, or minuted down in the books of the Society, and the originals be kept on file.

ART. VII. — At the request of any two members present, any motion shall be deferred to another meeting for further consideration before it is finally determined upon.

ART. VIII. — All accounts shall be kept in dollars and cents.

ART. IX. — Five members present shall be a quorum for all purposes, excepting those of making alterations in, or additions to, the aforegoing articles, and the election of members.

ART. X. — No member shall be chosen unless there are eight members present at the election.

ART. XI. — The first article shall not restrict the Society from electing corresponding members in any other State or country.

ART. XII. — Members who are chosen in other States and countries shall not exceed the number of thirty, and shall not be required to make contribution with the members who are citizens of the Commonwealth.

FIRST MEETING.*

Present, Rev. J. Belknap, Rev. J. Eliot, Rev. J. Freeman, Hon. J. Sullivan, Rev. P. Thacher, William Tudor, Esq., Thomas Wallcut, and J. Winthrop, Esq.

The members present agreed to consider this as the first meeting, and proceeded to organize the Society; and, the ballots being taken for officers of the ensuing year,

THOMAS WALLCUT . .	was elected	RECORDING SECRETARY.
HON. JAMES SULLIVAN, ESQ.	"	PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM TUDOR, ESQ.	"	TREASURER.
REV. JEREMY BELKNAP	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
REV. JOHN ELIOT	"	LIBRARIAN AND CABINET-KEEPER.
REV. PETER THACHER JAMES WINTHROP, ESQ. GEORGE R. MINOT, ESQ.†	"	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Voted, That the said Committee be requested to inquire what collections can be made for the Society, and a suitable place to deposit the same.

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* This heading, and the names that follow, are introduced into the text from the margin of the original record. This is simply a continuation of the first meeting, under the same date, at which the Constitution was adopted. — EDS.

† In the Recording Secretary's original memorandum of this meeting, previous to its being copied into the record book, he has written: "Mr. Minot being sick, did not attend at this first meeting." — EDS.

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Voted, That, in the records of the Society, the names of the members be alphabetically arranged.

Voted, That the accounts of the Society be kept in the Federal currency of the United States.

The Hon. JAMES SULLIVAN, Esq., having presented the Society with a folio blank volume for their records, —

Voted, That it be accepted, and the thanks of the Society be presented him for the same.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary be desired to attend the sale of books from time to time, and buy such as come within the views of the Institution, until the next meeting, and draw upon the Treasurer for the expense.

SECOND MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, convened, by written notifications, at the house of the President, the Hon. James Sullivan, Esq., on Saturday, the 9th day of April, 1791 — present, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Minot, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Thacher, Mr. Tudor, Mr. Wallcut, and Mr. Winthrop.

Voted, That Mr. Freeman be a committee to apply to Mr. Samuel Cooper Johonnot to procure of him a valuable collection of pamphlets, &c. (late belonging to the late Dr. Cooper), for the Society.

The Committee who were appointed to procure a suitable room to deposit the library for the Historical Society made report that they had not been able to procure one.

Voted, That the Committee be desired to persevere in their endeavors for this purpose, and that Mr. Tudor be added to the said Committee.

Voted, That Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Thacher, and Mr. Tudor be a committee to wait upon his Excellency the Governor and his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and acquaint them with the institution, the views and the designs of the Historical Society, and to request their assistance.

The Hon. David Sewall, Esq., of York, was nominated a member by the Hon. James Sullivan, Esq.

Isaac Lothrop, Esq., of Plymouth, was nominated a member by Mr. Thacher.

Voted, That Mr. Freeman and Mr. Winthrop be a committee to wait on Messrs. Thomas and John Fleet, and procure the files of the "Boston Evening Post," printed by their father and themselves.

The Hon. JAMES SULLIVAN, Esq., presented the Society with

Two pieces of Massachusetts coinage bearing the figure of a pine-tree, dated 1652.

The Committee who were appointed to inquire what collections could be made towards forming an historical library delivered in lists from each member, as on file.*

MR. ELIOT'S LIST.

Folio: —

Purchas's Pilgrim, 1 vol.; Boston Chronicle, 2 vols.; Centinel, Vols. VII., VIII., IX., X., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV. (all bound); and a complete set of Boston News-Letter, 1716–17 (bound). Two Conferences of Governor Shirley, Hubbard's MS. History, Letters between Governor Dudley and the Mathers, The Whisperer, The Censor, and many volumes of newspapers — unbound.

Quarto: —

Bollan's Tracts, 2 vols.; Conferences with the Indians; Roger Williams's Bloody Tenet; Governor Burnet on the Prophecies; a volume containing Mr. Laurens's Conduct to E. J., Esq., Rise of the late War, &c.

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* The lists of books handed in at this meeting, yet on file, are now introduced into the text of the records. Dr. Belknap's list will be found farther on. No list is preserved, and perhaps none was handed in, of books contributed by Mr. Baylies. — EDS.

Octavo: —

Political Pamphlets, 3 vols.; Do., smaller, 2 vols.; Religious Pamphlets, 7 vols.; American Whig, 2 vols.; Charlevoix's Paraguay, 2 vols.; Travels, 1 vol.; History of Carolina and Georgia, 2 vols.

Duodecimo: —

Almanacks, 2 vols., very old, but well bound; about sixteen small volumes (*vide* catalogue); and many loose pamphlets.

Dr. Freeman's List

1. Hutchinson's History of Massachusetts. 2 vols.
2. Hutchinson's Collection of Papers.
3. Smith's History of New York.
4. A volume of Political Tracts.
5. Prince's Annals. Vol. I., and two numbers of Vol. II.
6. Boston Orations.
7. Boston Magazine. Vol. I., bound.
8. " " Vol. III., unbound.
9. Royal American Magazine. Vol. I., unbound.
10. The Pennsylvania Farmer's Letters.
11. The Rights of the British Colonies Vindicated. By James Otis.
12. A Journal of the Proceedings of Jacob Wendell, &c., Commissioners to treat with the Eastern Indians.
13. Essay on the Agitations of the Sea and Earthquakes of 1755.
14. Observations relating to the Present Circumstances of Massachusetts Bay. 1750.
15. De Successu Evangelii apud Indos in Nova-Anglia, a Crescentio Mathero. 1688.
16. Narrative of the Northampton Conversions. By President Edwards.
17. Narrative of the Sufferings and Surprising Deliverances of William and Elizabeth Fleming. 1756.
18. State of Religion among the Protestant Dissenters in Virginia. 1751.
19. Causes qui se sont opposées aux progrès du commerce entre la France et les États-Unis de l'Amérique. Par Colonel Swan.
20. Mr. Foxcroft's Thanksgiving Sermon on the Conquest of Canada. 1760.
21. Mr. Duffield's Thanksgiving Sermon on the Peace. 1783.
22. Mr. Lathrop's Discourse on the Peace. 1784.
23. Mr. Hazlitt's Thanksgiving Discourse. 1785.
24. Dr. Chauncy's Sermon on the Death of Mr. Foxcroft. 1769.
25. Mr. Clarke's Sermon at the Interment of Dr. Cooper. 1784.
26. Mr. Shute's Sermon at the Interment of Dr. Gay. 1787.
27. President Willard's Sermon at the Funeral of Mr. Hilliard. 1790.
28. Mr. Foxcroft's Century Sermon.
29. The Ass or the Serpent. Reprinted at Boston, with notes. 1768.
30. Report of the Committee of the Council on the subject of Promoting the Means of Education in the Province of Quebec. 1790
31. Herald of Freedom. 5 vols., nearly complete.

Manuscript Papers: * —

1. List of Inhabitants in the Province of Massachusetts Bay, in 1764 and 1765.
2. State of the Whale Fishery of Nantucket, and of Sperma Candles manufactured in Massachusetts.
3. An Account of the First Settlement of Boston. By Dr. Samuel Mather.
4. Number of Dwelling-houses, &c., in Boston, taken by actual enumeration. 1789.
5. Extracts from Fleet's Evening Post. From 1745 to 1765.
6. Geographical Description of the Town of Worcester.
7. Number of Dwelling-houses in the Principal Towns of the United States, taken from actual enumeration. 1786.
8. Number of Inhabitants in the State of New York, in 1756, 1771, 1786, and 1790.
9. Fragment of a Journal kept at Rhode Island during the Expedition.
10. List of the Boys who entered and left the South Latin School, in Boston. From 1734 to 1774.
11. Succession of the Governors of Nova Scotia. From 1720 to 1782.
12. A True Account of General Montgomery's Death and Burial.
13. Number of Inhabitants, &c., in the Province of Quebec. 1784.
14. A Brief State of the Province of Quebec.
15. Value of the British Property in Canada. 1787.
16. French Governors of Canada. From 1725.
17. British Governors of Canada. From 1759.
18. Account of the Value of Exports from Quebec. 1786.
19. Account of the Value of Imports from Quebec. 1786.
20. Comparative View of Imports to, and Exports from, Canada in four years, beginning 1783.
21. Exports from Quebec. 1787 and 1788.

Maps: —

1. Plan of several Towns in the County of Worcester.
2. Plan of the Town of Worcester.
3. Plan of Stoughton.
4. Plan of Sharon.
5. Plan of Mashpee.
6. Plan of the County of Hancock.

MR. MINOT'S LIST.†

An Address from the General Court to the People of Massachusetts. 1786.

A Defence of the New England Charters. Reprinted by B. Green, in 1745.

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* The greater part of these MSS. were printed in the first series of the Collections. — EDS.

† The paper on which Mr. Minot's list is written seems torn and a part wanting, and possibly it may not contain all the books which he gave. — EDS.

Speech intended to have been spoken on the Bill for altering the Charters of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay. Reprinted by Edes & Gill, in 1774.

Statement of the Kennebeck Claims, the 28th of October, 1783.

Observations on the Importance of the American Revolution, and the means of making it a Benefit to the World. Reprinted 1784.

The Deplorable State of New England.

Resolves of the United States in Congress assembled, April 27, 1784, respecting the Interest on the National Debt.

A Faithful Monitor offering an Abstract of the Laws in the Province of Massachusetts Bay, New England, in 1704.

Address and Recommendations to the States by the United States in Congress assembled, in 1783.

Common Sense.

The Proceedings of a General Court-martial held at Cambridge, Jan. 20, 1778.

Election Sermons and Orations, for various years.

Mr. Sullivan's List.

The American Atlas, containing a complete and elegant Map of the United States of America. By Mr. Jeffrey.

Magnalia Christi Americana. By Cotton Mather, A.M.

The Constitution and Laws of the Colony of New Plymouth.

The Old Constitution and Laws of Rhode Island.

Charter and Laws of the Colony of Connecticut.

A volume, containing Newspapers at the beginning of the Revolution.

Three volumes, containing Sermons on public occasions, Interesting Debates, Public Controversies, and Political Letters.

A volume, containing the Acts, Resolves, and Journals of the Senate and House of the First Congress, with which is bound up the Constitution of the United States of America.

Pamphlets: —

Dr. Cooper's Sermon at the Commencement of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

By-laws of the Town of Boston.

Statement of the Kennebeck Claims.

Almanack of 1743, containing the dates of important events.

Dana's Examination of Edwards on Free Will.

Votes and Proceedings of the Town of Boston in the year 1772.

Letter to the Freeholders of Boston in 1739.

Remarks upon the Conduct of the French Nation in peopling new countries. Written in the year 1735.

A new Map of the United States.

Twelve volumes, Journals of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts before the Revolution.

MR. THACHER'S LIST.

Folio: —

Fleet's Boston Evening Post, for 1769 and 1770. 2 vols.

Quarto: —

A Journal of the Proceedings in the Detection of the Conspiracy formed in New York by some white people and slaves, in the years 1741 and 1742. By the Recorder of the City.

A volume, containing: —

1. Mr. Eliot's Harmony of the History of Christ's Passions. Printed 1678
2. Mr. Allen's Healthful Diet 1679
3. Mr. Allen's Election Sermon 1679
4. Mr. Samuel Mather against the Ceremony 1660
5. Mr. Oakes's Artillery Sermon. Preached 1672. Printed . . . 1674
6. Mr. Mitchell's Election Sermon 1667
7. Mr. Adams's Fast Sermon of the pouring out of the Spirit . . 1679
8. Mr. Shephard's Election Sermon 1672
9. Mr. Willard's Fiery Trial 1682
10. Mr. Oakes's Artillery Sermon 1677
11. Mr. Torrey's Election Sermon 1674
12. Mr. Increase Mather on Psalm xxxi. 15 1675
13. Propositions about Baptism and Antisynodalia 1662
14. Mr. Thomas Thacher about the Nature of a Fast 1678

Duodecimo: —

Responsio ad totam quæstionum syllogen, a clarissimo viro Domino Gulielmo Apollonio, Ecclesiæ Middleburgensis Pastore, propositam. Per Johannem Nortonum, Ministrum Ecclesiæ quæ est Ipsuici, in Nova Anglia. 1648.

Roger Williams's Account of the Language and Manners of the Natives of America. 1643.

Douglas's Summary. Vol. II. (unbound).

Pamphlets: —

East Apthorp's Sermon at the Confederation of the Church in Cambridge.

Dr. Mayhew's Observations on the Charter and Conduct of the Society for Propagating the Gospel, &c.

Dr. Mayhew's Defence of the Observations.

Apthorp's Answer to Mayhew's Defence.

Consolatory Thoughts on American Independence.

Account of Mr. Sargent's Mission to the Housatonic Indians.

Bernard's and others' Letters to the Ministry. 1769.

Prince's and others' Thanksgiving Sermons on the Suppression of the Rebellion.

Baldwin's Anniversary Sermon at Plymouth. 1775.

Strictures on a Pamphlet entitled "A Friendly Address to the People of America." (By General Lee.) 1775.

Adams's Historical Discourse. 1769.

The Revolution in New England, 1688, Justified.

Williams's Method of Practice in the Small-pox.

Cotton's Sermon after the Earthquake. 1728.
Earl of Abingdon's Thoughts on Mr. Burke's Letter. 1778.
Keith's Historical Sermon as to Bridgewater. 1717.

Mr. Tudor's List.

1. Atlas Ameriquain, containing twenty-six Maps in one large volume of the American Continent, as taken by Holland, Evans, and others.
2. A Map of the British Colonies on the American Continent, taken in 1777.
3. Blodget's Accurate Map of the State of Vermont.
4. Pelham's Plan of all the Works in and out of the Town during the Siege of Boston.
5. Ogilby's Description of America. Folio edition. 1671.
6. Prince's Chronology.
7. American Museum, for 1788, 1789, and 1790.
8. Columbian Magazine, for 1788 and 1789.
9. Minot's History of the Rebellion in Massachusetts.
10. Mirabeau's Cincinnatus.
11. Forty-five Pamphlets.
12. Dr. Colman's Life.
13. Dr. Cotton Mather's Life.
14. Prince's Chronology.

Also, Hazard's Collection, in 2 vols. 4to, when published.

Mr. Wallcut's List.*

1. Bishop Las Casas's History of Spanish Cruelties in the West Indies.
2. John Cotton's Bloody Tenet Washed, &c. In answer to Roger Williams.
3. Thomas Hooker's Survey of the Sum of Church Discipline.

Pamphlets: —

1. Narrative of the Witchcraft at Salem. By Deodat Lawson . . 1692
2. Remarks on Robert Calef's Book against the Magistracy and Ministers 1701

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* Mr. Wallcut has written as follows at the head of his list: —

"Boston, April, 1791.

"Gentlemen, — Be pleased for the present to accept this small expression of my respect and gratitude, and as a token of my duty and devotion to the interests of the Historical Society.

"I should have immediately furnished a much larger number, particularly of anniversary sermons and a variety of other pamphlets, but am waiting to make some complete sets before I present them."

He concludes as follows: "I remain, with ardent wishes for the success and prosperity of the Society, your most devoted and obliged servant,

"Thomas Wallcut."

Eds.

3. The Present State of North America. In three chapters . . . 1755
4. A Memorial, or Summary of Facts, in answer to Observations of the English Ministry sent to the Courts of Europe. Translated from the French. New York: Gaine 1757
5. Reasons against the Renewal of the Sugar Act, as prejudicial to the Trade of the Colonies and Great Britain 1764
6. A Defence of the Letter from a Gentleman at Halifax to a Friend in Rhode Island 1765
7. Abstract of the most useful parts of a Treatise on Hemp. Translated from the French 1766
8. The Necessity of Repealing the American Stamp Act Demonstrated, &c., in a Letter to a Member of Parliament 1766
9. A Letter to the Earl of Hillsborough on American Affairs, with Appendix 1769
10. Considerations on the Measures carrying on with the British Colonies 1774
11. An Address of the Legislature of Massachusetts to their Constituents 1781
12. Address and Recommendations to the States by Congress . . . 1783
13. A Collection of Papers relative to Half-pay, and General Washington's Circular Letter 1783
14. Dr. Price's Observations on the Importance of the American Revolution 1784
15. Address and Reasons of Dissent of the Minority of the Convention of Pennsylvania to their Constituents on the Federal Constitution 1787
16. Memoirs of the Principal Transactions of the last War between the English and French in North America, from its Commencement in 1744 to the Treaty of Aix la Chapelle, with an account of the importance of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton . 1758
17. Result of the Convention of Delegates, held at Ipswich, on the first proposed Constitution for Massachusetts, which was rejected 1778

1. A Vindication of the Ministers of Boston from the Abuses, &c. 1722
2. Remarks on some Contents of a Letter on the Divisions of the First Church in Salem 1734
3. A Letter from Mr. Ashley to Mr. William Cooper, in answer, &c. 1743
4. Result of an Ecclesiastical Council held at Braintree 1752
5. Letter to the Rev. Noah Hobart on Church Government, &c. . . 1760
6. Mr. Croswell's Letter to Mr. Cuming, and Remarks on Mr. Bellamy 1762
7. Reply to Dr. Mayhew's Letter of Reproof to Mr. Cleaveland, &c. 1764
8. Answer to Commissary Garden's three first Letters to Mr. Whitefield.

Maps: —

Lewis Evans's Map of the Middle Colonies 1755
A New Chart of the British Empire in North America.
Plan of the County of York (incomplete).

Newspapers: —

Edes's Boston Gazette; Gill's Continental Journal; Powars & Willis's Independent Chronicle, and continued by Adams and Nourse; Draper & Folsom's Independent Ledger; White & Adams's Saturday Evening and Thursday Morning Post; Hall's Massachusetts Gazette; Russell's Centinel; Freeman & Andrews's and Edmund Freeman's Herald of Freedom; and Powars's American Herald.

Of these I have got incomplete sets for a number of years, — some as far back as 1774 and 1775, besides scattering papers of different towns in the United States. With a continuance of the kindness and generosity the printers have shown, I am in hopes of being able in the course of the year to complete some sets.

Mr. Winthrop's List.

Mr. Winthrop will give to the Historical Society, at present: —

Governor Hutchinson's Collection of Papers.

A General Survey of the Population of the late Province of Massachusetts, by towns.

The late Survey of the Population of the County of Middlesex, by families.

The late Survey of the Population in Essex, by towns.

A volume of Dr. Cooper's Sermons.

When he has searched his pamphlets, such of them as will be of use shall be given.

THIRD MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, held (the first time) at the Library room in the Bank,* on Thursday, the 30th day of June, 1791 — present, Mr. Belknap, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Thacher, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Winthrop.

Voted, That the Treasurer be desired to purchase twelve chairs (Windsor, green, elbow); a plain pine table, painted, with drawer and lock and key; an inkstand, &c.

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* The Society's first library room was in a building called the "Manufactory House," situated where Hamilton Place now is, then owned and occupied by the Massachusetts Bank. — Eds.

Voted, That a committee be appointed to wait upon Mr. Bowdoin, and request him to supply such pamphlets, of a political or historical nature, as he may spare from his collection, for the benefit of this Society, and that Mr. Belknap, Mr. Freeman, and Mr. Wallcut be the committee.

Voted, That Mr. Belknap and Mr. Eliot be a committee to draught rules and regulations for the Library and Museum.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary be directed to procure four hundred blanks of the following form: —

THIS BOOK IS THE PROPERTY OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ESTABLISHED IN BOSTON, 1790.

and place them in the books presented to the Library.

FOURTH MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, held at the Library room in the Bank, on Tuesday, the 11th day of October, 1791, at 3 o'clock P.M. — present, Hon. William Baylies, Rev. J. Belknap, Rev. J. Eliot, Rev. J. Freeman, G. R. Minot, Esq., Hon. J. Sullivan, Esq., William Tudor, Esq., Thomas Wallcut, and J. Winthrop, Esq.

Mr. BELKNAP and Mr. ELIOT, who were appointed a committee, at the last meeting, to draw up rules and regulations for the Library and Museum, made a report containing twelve articles, which being read, it was voted to be taken into consideration article by

article; and the whole, being amended and accepted, is as follows, viz.: —

*Rules for the Library and Museum.**

1. That all books which are presented to the Library be accepted, with thanks, and also every curiosity for the Museum.

2. That American coins and curiosities be kept by themselves in the best part of the cabinet.

3. That, at every quarterly meeting, a catalogue of the books, pamphlets, manuscripts, maps, and curiosities, shall be produced by the Librarian, and every member shall, in person, if present, and in writing, if absent, give an account of the books or manuscripts, or whatever article belonging to the Society, he may have in his possession.

4. That once in every year, previously to the spring meeting, the Standing Committee shall inspect the Library and Museum, and report the state of every article at that meeting, and what books are particularly wanted.

5. That, till the farther order of the Society, the key shall be kept by the Rev. Mr. Belknap, to be by him delivered to no other person but one of the members, a list of whom shall be given to him.

6. That any member may take out printed books for his own use, not more than three at a time, and keep them not more than three months; that, for the present a slate and pencil shall be hung up in the chamber, and the person taking books shall enter on the slate his name, the titles of the books, and the date; which the librarian, at his next visit to the chamber, shall enter in his book: but that no manuscript shall be taken out but in presence of the Librarian, who shall take a receipt for it, and a

* A rough draft of these rules, in Dr. Eliot's hand, is on file. The finished paper, as corrected by Dr. Belknap, in his hand, is also on file. — Eds.

special obligation to return it within the space of three months.

7. If books or manuscripts be requested for public uses, or for the peculiar benefit of persons whom the Society are disposed to oblige, the application shall be made to the Librarian through the medium of some member, who shall be responsible in a written obligation for the return of each article borrowed, within such time as shall be stipulated by the Librarian, not exceeding three months, and shall be accountable for all loss and damage.

8. That every book lost shall be replaced by the person who shall have lost the same, if it can be procured; and, if not, another, equally valuable, shall be accepted to supply the vacancy.

9. That all pamphlets shall be bound, except duplicates, which shall be kept by themselves, and that triplicates shall be exchanged.

10. That all manuscripts shall be distinctly marked and numbered, and kept in cases of paper, which shall also be numbered, and the contents of each registered.

11. That every present received shall be recorded, and an account of it rendered to the next meeting of the Society.

12. That a printed ticket shall be pasted on the inside of the cover of each book, signifying that it is the property of the Society, and also the name of the donor, if it be a present.

The Hon. David Sewall, Esq., of York, and Isaac Lothrop, Esq., of Plymouth, having stood in nomination the time required by the constitution, and the ballots being taken at this meeting, it appeared they were unanimously elected.

Mr. Belknap communicated to the Society a plan

and proposals of Messrs. Joseph Belknap and Alexander Young, printers, for a new periodical publication which they propose to carry on (with the assistance of the Historical Society), under the title of the "American Apollo."

Voted, That Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, and Mr. Minot be a committee to confer with Messrs. Belknap and Young on the subject, and form some arrangement, and report at the next meeting.

Voted, That the same Committee prepare some account of the Society, to be inserted in Messrs. Fleets' Register for the next year.*

Mr. BELKNAP, having delivered into the library his valuable collection of books, pamphlets, newspapers, and manuscripts, with a list accompanying, in which he proposes to give a part; and on the other part he has set a price, in a list accompanying, with a view to make up the sum of thirty-four dollars, as his life-subscription,† —

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* At the end of Fleets' Pocket Almanac and Massachusetts Register, for 1792, is the following account of "The Historical Society": —

"A society has lately been established in this State, called the Historical Society, the professed design of which is to collect, preserve, and communicate materials for a complete history of this country from the beginning of its settlement. They have already amassed a considerable number of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, newspapers, and records, which are deposited in an apartment appropriated to that purpose in the Massachusetts Bank. They have encouraged the publication of a weekly paper, called 'The American Apollo,' in which they propose to communicate the result of their inquiries. The present members are: —

"JAMES SULLIVAN, *President*.	ISAAC LOTHROP.
Rev. JEREMY BELKNAP.	GEORGE R. MINOT.
WILLIAM BAYLIES.	DAVID SEWALL.
RICHARD CRANCH.	Rev. PETER THACHER.
JOHN DAVIS.	WILLIAM TUDOR.
Rev. JOHN ELIOT.	THOMAS WALLCUT.
Rev. JAMES FREEMAN.	JAMES WINTHROP."

EDS.

† The long list of books handed in by Dr. Belknap, now on file, and of which a copy is given here, bears no indication as to which part of it he fur-

Voted, That the Standing Committee appraise those books which Mr. Belknap proposes to sell to the Society, and make report at the next meeting.

Dr. Jeremy Belknap's List.

1 Folio, containing: —

1. Waldo's Defence of Leverett's Title to Muscongus Lands . . . 1736
2. Journal of New Hampshire Assembly 1745
3. Treaty with Ohio Indians 1753
4. Journal of New Hampshire Assembly 1767
5. Bernard's Letters and Proceedings of Council, Massachusetts . 1769
6. Reprobated Form of Government for Massachusetts 1777
7. Journal of New Hampshire Senate 1785
8. Sundry Laws of New Hampshire 1785

1st Quarto, containing: —

1. Dummer de Jure Judæorum Sabbati 1703
2. Colman's Sermon on Holden 1740
3. Stevens's on Pepperell 1759
4. Church's Elegy on Mayhew 1766
5. Bearcroft's Society Sermon 1744
6. Account Pennsylvania Hospital 1754
7. Pietas et Gratulatio 1761
8. Epistle from Timoleon 1768
9. Lovell's Fifth of March Oration 1771
10. Warren's Fifth of March Oration 1772
11. Church's Fifth of March Oration 1773
12. Hancock's Fifth of March Oration 1774
13. Thacher's Fifth of March Oration 1776
14. Morton's Oration on Warren's Re-interment 1776
15. Hichborn's Oration 1777
16. Barlow's Prospect of Peace 1778
17. Tudor's Oration 1779
18. Progress of Science. Junior Exhibition 1780
19. Sewall's Funeral Oration on Winthrop 1779
20. Gardiner's Oration 1785

2d Quarto, containing: —

1. Lord Cornbury's Prosecution of Two Presbyterian Ministers at New York 1707
2. Zenger's Trial 1734
3. The Times. By Dr. Church 1765
4. Pownal's Speech in favor of America 1769
5. Wigglesworth's Letter to Whitefield 1745
6. Philosophical Transactions. Inoculation 1722
7. Boylston's Account of Inoculation 1726

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nished as his gratuitous contribution, and which part he proposed to deposit as an equivalent for his life subscription. The paper is labelled, "Books for Dr. Belknap's share, valued at $33." It is a most valuable list. — Eds.

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8. Gyles's Captivity 1689
9. Plymouth Patent, &c. 1629
10. Allen's Title to New Hampshire 1728
11. Shute's Conference with Indians 1717
12. Dummer's Conference with Indians 1726
13. Shirley's Conference with Indians 1742
14. Hutchinson's and others' Conference with Indians 1749
15. Pepperell's and others' Conference with Indians 1753
16. Defence of Remarks of Plymouth Company 1753
17. Remarks of Plymouth Company 1753

3d Quarto, containing: —

1. Prince's Sermon on Reduction of Louisburg 1745
2. Shirley's Letter and Journal of Siege of Louisburg 1745
3. Prince's Sermon on Victory at Culloden 1746
4. Letter on Paper Money 1743
5. Burr's Fast Sermon. New Jersey 1755
6. Bishop Newton's Society Sermon 1769
7. Wheelock's Last Narrative 1775
8. Charter of Dartmouth College 1769
9. John Wheelock's Commencement Oration 1774
10. McClure's Oration at Phillips Academy, with the Act of Incorporation 1783

1st Octavo, containing: —

1. America known to the Ancients 1773
2. Deplorable State of New England 1708
3. Dean's Shipwreck 1710
4. Letter on New Tenor Bills 1728
5. Letter on Ohio Defeat 1755
6. Life of Thomas Brazen 1760
7. On Failure of Louisburg Expedition 1757
8. Narrative of Battle of Lake George 1755
9. Remarks on Navigation to Quebec 1759
10. Power of Great Britain and Liberty of Colonies 1768
11. Address to Inhabitants of America 1775
12. General Lee's Strictures on Friendly Address 1775
13. Strictures Examined 1775
14. Advantage of Connection with Great Britain 1775
15. Ghost of Montgomery 1776
16. Wharton's Address to Roman Catholics 1784
17. Carrol's Answer 1784
18. Wharton's Reply 1785
19. Considerations on Virginia Act for Religious Freedom 1786

2d Octavo, containing: —

1. Observations on American Revolution 1779
2. Green Box of M. Sartine 1779
3. First Constitution of Massachusetts 1778
4. Established Constitution of Massachusetts 1780
5. Paine's Answer to Abbé Raynal 1782
6. Washington's Resignation and Address 1783

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7. Considerations on the Order of Cincinnati 1783
8. Phocion's Letter to Citizens of New York 1784
9. Dawes's Fourth of July Oration 1787
10. General Court's Address to Citizens of Massachusetts 1786
11. Hutchins's Description of Louisiana 1784
12. Description of Federal Territory 1787

3d Octavo, containing: —

1. Mayhew's Discourse on Repeal of Stamp Act 1766
2. Governor Bernard's Select Letters 1764, 1765
3. Principles of Law and Polity 1764
4. Petition to the King against Bernard, and Answer 1770
5. Petitions and Letters of Massachusetts Representatives . . . 1768
6. J. Adams on the Feudal Law 1765
7. Narrative of Boston Massacre 1770
8. Proceedings of General Court about Removal to Cambridge . . 1770
9. Bishop of St. Asaph's Society Sermon 1773
10. " " Speech on Massachusetts Charter Bill . . 1774
11. Josiah Quincy's Observations on Port Bill 1774

4th Octavo, containing: —

1. Callender's Century Sermon. Rhode Island 1739
2. Chauncy's Remarks on Bishop of Landaff 1767
3. Langdon's Sermon on Conquest of Quebec 1760
4. Adams's (of Roxbury) Sermon on Religious Liberty 1767
5. " " Historical Sermon 1769

5th Octavo, containing: —

1. Necessity of Repealing Stamp Act 1766
2. Conduct of the Rockingham Ministry Examined 1767
3. Franklin's Examination before House of Commons 1766
4. General Gage and others. Letters 1768
5. Bernard's Letters. Second parcel 1768
6. " " Third parcel 1768
7. Proceedings of Town of Boston 1769
8. Vindication of Town of Boston 1769
9. Hutchinson and others. Letters 1773
10. Plans for Incorporation of Boston 1784

6th Octavo, containing: —

1. New England Revolution Justified 1689
2. Narrative of New England's Miseries 1688
3. Dummer's Letter on Canada Expedition 1711
4. Account of French Settlements in America 1746
5. Importance of Cape Breton 1746
6. Otis Little on Trade of Northern Colonies 1748
7. Palairet's English and French Possessions in America 1755
8. View of the Conduct of Pennsylvania 1755
9. Importance of Canada and Guadaloupe 1761
10. Journal of Siege of Havannah 1762
11. Letter on Parliamentary Peace 1762

7th Octavo, containing: —

1. Proceedings of North Carolina 1740

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2. Ethan Allen's Narrative 1774
3. New Hampshire Constitution. First draught 1781
4. " " Second draught 1782

8th Octavo, containing: —

1. Plea for the Poor and Distressed 1754
2. Observations on the Excise Bill 1754
3. Voice of the People 1754
4. The Crisis 1754
5. Monster of Monsters 1754
6. Cub New Licked 1754
7. Daniel Fowle's Imprisonment 1755
8. State of North America 1755
9. Scheme to Drive the French . . . . . .
10. Art of Making Salt 1775
11. Observations on Controversy with Great Britain 1775
12. Gage's Instructions to Captain Brown 1775
13. Resolves and Orders of Congress, &c. . . . . .
14. Livingston's Letter to Bishop Landaff 1768
15. Rise of the War in America . . . . . .
16. Sufferings of Town of Boston 1774
17. Proceedings of First Congress 1774
18. Letter to Earl Hillsborough 1768
19. Bradbury's Ass or Serpent . . . . . .
20. Writings of Laco 1789

9th Octavo, containing: —

1. Memoirs of Roger Clap.
2. Mason's History of the Pequot War.
3. Mather's Duodecennium Luctuosum.
4. Penhallow's Wars of New England.
5. Symmes's Memoir of Captain Lovewell.
6. Doolittle's Narrative of Indian War.
7. Norton's Captivity.
8. Prince's Annals. Vol. II. Nos. 1, 2, 3.
9. Journals of the Saltzburghers.
10. Case of Widow Penn and Sir William Keith.
11. Fitch's Account of Throat Distemper.
12. Jackson's Account of Throat Distemper.

N. B. — One or two more of these volumes of pamphlets are at present *lent*, and cannot be particularly described.

Single Pamphlets: —

Journals of Massachusetts General Court. For 1736, 1737, 1739, 1740, 1745.

Journals of New Hampshire General Court. For 1745 and 1762.

Conference between Commissioners of Massachusetts and New York about the Line. 1767.

A hundred other Pamphlets, historical and political, of which the Society may take such as they please.

Manuscripts: —

Four folio volumes of Governor Belcher's Letters, public and private. From 1731 to 1735, and from 1739 to 1740.

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Correspondence between Governor Shirley and Governor B. Wentworth. From 1742 to 1753.

Correspondence between Governor Shirley and General Pepperell. 1745 and 1746.

Correspondence between General Pepperell and General Warren during the campaign of 1745 at Louisburg.

Correspondence between Pepperell, Warren, and the British Ministry. 1745, 1746, and 1747.

Correspondence between Pepperell and many persons of distinction in various parts of America. 1745, 1746, and 1747.

Correspondence between Governor Wentworth and the British Ministry and their Military Officers. From 1750 to 1760.

Correspondence between the Secretary of New Hampshire and the Provincial Agent in England. From 1734 to 1760.

Ten cases of MSS., containing Letters from Governors and other public persons on public affairs, with many curious MSS. of various kinds. From 1698 to 1761.

Papers relative to the Controversy agitated in England by Peter Livius against Governor John Wentworth. 1773.

Papers relative to the Change of Government in New Hampshire in 1775.

Correspondence of the Sons of Liberty. 1766–1770.

Several MS. Journals in the last and present centuries.

Collection of papers relative to Nova Scotia. From 1720 to 1747.*

A collection of Boston Newspapers. From 1707 to 1750 (incomplete).

A collection of Newspapers of Boston, Salem, Portsmouth, and Philadelphia. From 1756 to 1790 (pretty near complete).

A parcel of old Almanacs, Proclamations, and other printed papers, in single sheets.

On motion of Mr. Wallcut to purchase Harris's Collection of Voyages, it was voted that he be a committee for that purpose; who, being excused, it was voted that Mr. Eliot be the committee.

The Hon. Richard Cranch, Esq., of Braintree, was nominated a member by Mr. Belknap, and Mr. John Davis, of Plymouth, was nominated a member by Mr. Eliot.

Voted, That this meeting be adjourned to Monday, the 24th day of October.

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* Of this large mass of MSS., those relating to the "Siege of Louisburg" were published in the first volume of the Collections. Many remain unpublished. The papers have been chronologically arranged in volumes, and are easily accessible to the student. — Eds.

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FIFTH MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, held at the Library room in the Bank, on Monday, the 24th day of October, 1791 — present, James Sullivan, President; Mr. Belknap, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Minot, Mr. Tudor, Mr. Wallcut, and Mr. Winthrop.

The Standing Committee, who were appointed to appraise the books, &c., furnished by Mr. Belknap for the Historical Society, made their report as follows, viz.: —

The Standing Committee have, agreeably to an order of the last meeting of the Historical Society, appraised the deposit of books, manuscripts, pamphlets, and other papers, made by the Rev. Mr. Belknap, at thirty-four dollars and one-third of a dollar. By order PETER THACHER.

Mr. ELIOT, Mr. FREEMAN, and Mr. MINOT, a committee appointed to confer with Messrs. Belknap and Young, printers, made report: —

The Committee appointed to confer with Messrs. Belknap and Young, printers, respecting a plan for a new periodical publication which they propose to carry on (with the assistance of the Historical Society), under the title of the "American Apollo," report that they have conferred with Mr. Belknap, one of the said printers; that he agrees to appropriate generally from *four* to *eight* pages of the said paper to such publications as the Historical Society shall choose to make; that this part of the paper will be paged separately; and that he consents to present fifty copies of the "Apollo" to the Society. Per order JAMES FREEMAN.

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Mr. BELKNAP, Mr. ELIOT, and Mr. FREEMAN were appointed a committee to superintend the publications of the Society.

Mr. WINTHROP presented the Society with

Three bills of Massachusetts currency, printed upon parchment, — one of *one penny*, one of *two pence*, and one of *three pence*, printed in the year 1727.

The Hon. RICHARD CRANCH, Esq.,* of Braintree, in the County of Suffolk, and JOHN DAVIS, Esq., of Plymouth, in the County of Plymouth, having stood in nomination the time required by the constitution, the members proceeded to ballot, and it appeared that those gentlemen were unanimously chosen.

SIXTH MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, held at the Library room in the Bank, on Wednesday, the 21st day of December, 1791 — present, Mr. Belknap, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Minot, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Wallcut.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read, and the following communications were then made: —

Mr. BELKNAP reported a prefatory introduction to the publications of the Historical Society in the "American Apollo," which, being read, was approved of and accepted.†

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* Mr. Cranch declined membership. — EDS.

† This "prefatory introduction" was published at the beginning of the first volume of the Collections, immediately following the Constitution of the Society,

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Voted, That the Committee appointed to superintend the publications of the Society be empowered to employ a clerk to copy papers for the press.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary procure a blank book, in which to copy his letters, and draw upon the Treasurer for the expense.

Voted, That Mr. Eliot and Mr. Tudor be a committee to define the duties, powers, and business of the Standing Committee, and make report at the next meeting.

The President communicated to the Society that Joseph Barrell, Esq., for himself, Messrs. Samuel Brown, Charles Bulfinch, John Derby, Crowell Hatch, and John Marsden Pintard, owners of the ship "Columbia" and the ship "Washington," which were the first vessels from the United States to Nootka Sound and the Sandwich Islands, had presented to the Society a hat, cloak, and mantle of the natives, several pieces of cloth manufactured there from the bark of trees, and other artificial and natural curiosities of that part of America brought in those vessels, and also one of the medals * which were sent

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and was entitled, "Introductory Address from the Historical Society. To the Public."

There had also been issued, under the authority of the Society, though the records do not specially mention it, a "circular letter," dated Nov. 1, 1791, and signed, "in the name, and by the order, of the Society, Jeremy Belknap, Corresponding Secretary." This paper announced the formation and purposes of the Society, and enclosed a proposal or prospectus of the "American Apollo," in which the Society intended to commence its publications. A copy of this circular with the prospectus is given in the "Introduction" to this volume. It was reprinted for substance in the beginning of the second volume of the Collections. A second circular, of the same general import, also prepared by Dr. Belknap, was printed, with other documents, in the fourth volume.

A full and minute account of the "American Apollo," and of the early issues of the Society's publications, will also be found in the Introduction to this volume. — Eds.

* A printed copy of this medal may be seen in Robert Greenhow's "History of Oregon and California," second edition. Boston, 1845, p. 180. — Eds.

by those gentlemen on that voyage. Whereupon it was

Voted, That these curiosities be received into the cabinet, and that the President be requested to present the thanks of the Society to Mr. Barrell and his associates for the very acceptable and valuable present.

Also to the following gentlemen for donations: —

From the Hon. Thomas Russell, Esq., Chalmers's Annals.

From Messrs. T. & J. Fleet, a large quantity of newspapers (the folio sheets) and three folio pamphlets; viz., 1768, Appendix, containing a petition to the King, letters to the Ministry, agents, the several Assemblies, &c.; 1769, letters to Lord Hillsboro' from Governors Bernard and Gage, and the Council; 1770, proceedings of the Council on Secretary Oliver's deposition; and 5 March, &c.

From Mr. Edward Davis, a number of newspapers, and a manuscript letter of —— Weare, Esq., late Comptroller of the customs for the King in the port of Boston.

From Mr. Elisha Sigourney, a chart of Nantucket Shoals.

From Hon. Thomas Dawes, Jr., Esq., a manuscript account of Dr. Church's trial, said to be written by himself.

From the Hon. David Sewall, Esq., a manuscript pamphlet containing extracts, &c., from the records of the county of York, or late Province of Maine.

From Thomas Edwards, Esq., a printed letter of Jer. Dummer, Esq., agent at the court of Great Britain from the Province of Massachusetts Bay.

From Mr. Belknap, an ancient manuscript treatise on medicine, written before the art of printing was invented; also, Laws, &c., of New Hampshire, in two volumes; also, a folio, called, Briefs respecting the Controversy between Massachusetts and New Hampshire, relative to their boundary line; and a quarto pamphlet, entitled, Reasons for establishing the Colony of Georgia.

From Mr. Freeman, eight pamphlets: viz., The Speeches of Governor Hutchinson to the General Assembly, and their Answers; Mr. Mayhew's Thanksgiving Sermon, May 23, 1766, on the Repeal of the Stamp Act; Cassius's Considerations on the Order of Cincinnati; Observations on the Order of Cincinnati; John Adams's Memorial to the States-General on Independence; Ordinances made and passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec; Answer to an Introduction to Observations on the Judges of the Common Pleas in Quebec; Remarks on the Laws, &c.; Observations on the Report of a Change in the Tenures, &c.

From Mr. Samuel Clap, several volumes and pamphlets.

From Mr. Eben. Larkin, Jr., a number of sermons and political pamphlets.

From Mr. Thomas Adams, several political pamphlets.

The last three lots were communicated by Mr Wallcut.

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From Hon. Mons. De la Tombe, Consul from the French nation, fifteen volumes, containing State Papers and other Documents relative to the American Revolution and War. Communicated by the President.

From Benjamin Bassett, Esq., a manuscript containing an account of some Indian Traditions on the island of Capawock or Martha's Vineyard, with a copy and translation of the Epitaph on the Gravestone of Silas Paul, an Indian preacher there. Communicated by Mr. Winthrop.*

Voted, That Mr. Bassett be desired to continue his researches and communications.

SEVENTH MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, held by adjournment at the house of the President in the evening of the 23d of December, 1791 — present, Mr. Belknap, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Minot, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Thacher, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Wallcut.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read, and the following communications were then made: —

Mr. Eliot and Mr. Tudor, a Committee appointed to define the duties, powers, and business of the standing Committee report: —

Standing Committee's Duties and Powers.†

1. That they shall regulate all the common expenses of the Society, and make the necessary provision of such small articles as may from time to time be wanted, and shall have power to draw on the Treasurer to defray the same.

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* Of the MSS. mentioned in this list, Comptroller Weare's letter, the Account of Dr. Church's Trial, and the Account of Indian Traditions on Martha's Vineyard, were published in the first volume of Collections. Sewall's records of the county of York were "extracts." The entire records should be printed. — Eds.

† A draft of this paper exists in the handwriting of Mr. Minot. — Eds.

2. That they shall aid the Librarian when he shall require it, in the arrangement of the books, pamphlets, maps, and manuscripts, as well as in the disposition of curiosities and articles belonging to the cabinet, and especially attend to the preservation and binding of the books and pamphlets.

3. That they shall frequently inspect the Records, and inquire whether all the orders of the Society are carried into effect with precision and promptitude.

4. That they shall inquire after and endeavor to obtain, on the best terms for the benefit of the Society, manuscripts, books, and articles of curiosity.

5. That they shall meet in the week previous to the stated quarterly meeting of the Society, and arrange and prepare such business as may be a subject for the Society's attention

Which report was accepted.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary notify the Standing Committee of the stated meetings.

Voted, That the President be desired to write to the Secretary of State, requesting him to furnish this Society with the Journals of Congress from the year 1775.

Voted, That the President and Corresponding Secretary be a Committee to take such measures as they may think proper to obtain the Laws, Resolves, and Journals of the Legislatures of the several States.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary open a correspondence with the St. Tammany Society of New York.*

Voted, That the consideration of Mr. Belknap's proposal for the celebration of the Centenary Anniversary of the Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, on the 12th of October, 1492, be postponed

* Dr. Belknap accordingly addressed a letter to "John Pintard, Esq., Secretary of the Tammany Society in New York," saying that he had been directed by the Historical Society to open a correspondence with the Tammany Society, to solicit a friendly intercourse, exchanges, &c.; sending, at the same time, four numbers of the "Apollo." Mr. Pintard replied with expressions of sympathy and offers of aid, to the extent of his ability, in promoting the objects of the Society. — Eds.

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to the next meeting, and that the Recording Secretary notify the absent members thereof accordingly in his next notifications.

Voted, that the publication of the Constitution be left at the discretion of the Committee appointed to superintend the publications of the Society in the "American Apollo."

Voted, that the Corresponding Secretary receive into his custody those copies of the "Apollo" which are the property of the Society.

The President presented the Society with

Letters, in three volumes, of Hector St. John de Crèvecœur, Esq., Consul from the French nation in the States of Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey.

The following gentlemen were then nominated as members resident within the Commonwealth: Rev. Mannasseh Cutler, LL.D., of Ipswich, by Mr. Belknap; Hon. William Heath, Esq., of Roxbury, by Mr. Minot.

The following nominations were then made of Corresponding Members: Ebenezer Hazard, Esq., of Philadelphia, by Mr. Belknap; Hon. John Jay, Esq., of New York, by Mr. Thacher; Hon. David Ramsay, of Charleston, S.C., by Mr. Eliot; Rev. Alexander Spark, of Quebec, by Mr. Freeman; Hon. Charles Thomson, of Philadelphia, by Mr. Minot.*

EIGHTH MEETING.

CAMBRIDGE, 31st January, 1792.

This day being "the last Tuesday in January" appointed for a stated quarterly meeting, by invitation from James Winthrop, Esq., the following members met at his house: Mr. Eliot, Mr. Thacher, Mr. Winthrop, and Mr. Wallcut; but, a quorum not appearing, no business was done.

* Not one stated meeting appears to have been held during the year 1791. They were all special meetings or adjourned meetings. — EDS.

SPECIAL MEETING.*

A special meeting of the Historical Society was holden at the Library room in the Bank, on Friday, the 30th of March, 1792 — present, Mr. Belknap, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Minot, Mr. Thacher, Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Wallcut, and Mr. Sullivan.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read, and the following communications were then received: —

Mr. FREEMAN presented the Society with

An Indian shot-bag, made of beads at Lorette, an Indian village near Quebec, in Canada.

Mr. ELIOT presented the Society with

Ramsay's History of the American Revolution. Complete. Two vols. bound in one.

Mr. SULLIVAN (the President) presented the Society with

A parcel of sermons and other pamphlets.

The following were also received at this meeting: —

From Dr. Swift, a pamphlet relating to Nantucket. Communicated by Mr. Baylies.

From Mr. Noah Clap, Town-Clerk of Dorchester, a letter giving some account of the beginning and progressive settlement of that town. (N. B. An answer to the circular letter.)

From Ebenezer Hazard, Esq., several manuscripts.

From James Apthorp, Esq., a letter received from his son, with a description of the Dutch colony of Surinam.† Communicated by Mr. Belknap.

From Mr. Benjamin Burt, a number of newspapers. Communicated by Mr. Eliot.

From Rev. J. Homer, three copies of his Century Sermon, preached at Newton, the 25th December, 1791. Communicated by Mr. Freeman.

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* This meeting is properly the "eighth," while the previous meeting at Cambridge, at which there was no quorum, should not be counted. The Secretary blends the two into one in the records. — EDS.

† This was published in the first volume of the Society's Collections. — EDS.

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Mr. WINTHROP presented the Society with

Raynal's History of the East and West Indies, in ten (elegant) volumes.
Sermons by Dr. Samuel Cooper, handsomely bound.
Thirty pamphlets of an historical nature, political, religious, &c.
A MS. Journal of John Marshall, A.D. [1697–1711].
Lewis Evans's Map of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania.

Mr. THACHER presented the Society with

Dr. Colman's MS. History of the Indian War, from 1726.*
Journal of a Two Months' Tour among the Indians on the Ohio, &c., by Charles Beatty.
Sermon on the Death of Ezekiel Cheever, Master of the South Latin School.
Sermons (eight) before the Society in England for Propagating the Gospel.
Sermons (four) before the Society in Scotland for Propagating the Gospel.
Annual Register, for the year 1781.
Scots' Magazine, for May, 1767.
French Charts (two), entitled, Chronologie figurée pour l'intelligence de l'histoire des révolutions monarchiques; and Chronologie d'Angleterre.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary return the thanks of the Society to the several gentlemen who have made donations at this meeting.

Voted, That a list of donations made to the Society by persons who are not members be published in the "Apollo." †

A proposal made at a former meeting for celebrating the memorable epoch of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus on the 12th of October, 1492, was considered at this meeting: whereupon it was

Voted, To celebrate the Centenary by a Public Discourse, and that Mr. Belknap be desired to prepare for that occasion, and that Mr. Thacher and Mr. Eliot be desired to perform the other parts of the exercise.

The following nominations were then made: Daniel Davis, Esq., of Portland, by Mr. Freeman, and Aaron Dexter, Esq., of Boston, by Mr. Thacher, as

* Printed in Collections, VI. 108. — EDS.

† Lists of donations to the Society were published in the "American Apollo," of May 11, 1792, p. 210; June 15, p. 274; and Aug. 3, p. 351. — EDS

Resident Members; Mr. James Perkins, of Cape François, as Corresponding Member, by Mr. Belknap.

A quorum for elections still being wanted, none were made at this meeting.

NINTH MEETING.

This day, the 24th, being the "last Tuesday in April," appointed by the Constitution for a stated quarterly meeting of the Historical Society, the following members attended: Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Thacher, Mr. Winthrop, and Mr. Wallcut.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read, and the following communications were then made: —

A donation from Mr. James White of thirty bound books, consisting of: —

Increase Mather's History of the Indian Wars in New England.
" " Call to the Rising Generation.*
" " Sermons to promote Holiness, &c.
" " Order of the Gospel Churches in New England Vindicated.
" " Sermons on Providence.
Cotton Mather's Wonders of the Invisible World.
" " Cœlestinus.
" " Memorable Providences Relating to Witchcrafts.
" " Warnings from the Dead.
" " Victorina. A Sermon on the Death of his Daughter.
" " At the Execution of David Wallis for Murder.
" " Words of Understanding, in Three Essays.
" " Cares about the Nurseries.
Samuel Mather's Life of Nathaniel Mather.
Samuel Lee, Triumph of Mercy in the Chariot of Praise.
Nathaniel Morton's History of Plymouth Colony.
Nathaniel Ward's Simple Cobbler of Agawam.
Deodat Lawson's Sermon on the Religious Householder.
Roger Wolcott's Poetical Meditations.

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* "A Call from Heaven to the Present and Succeeding Generations." — EDS.

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Joshua Moody's Discourse on Communion with God in His House.
Samuel Willard, Fountain Opened, Calling the Jews, &c.
Benjamin Colman, Sermon and Remains of Grove Hirst.
Benjamin Colman and Mayhew's Sermon, and Whitefield's Letters, &c., bound together.
Benjamin Wadsworth, Twelve Sermons tending to promote Godliness.
Experience Mayhew's Indian Converts.
Ordination Sermons by divers ministers.
Nathaniel Clap's Sermon: The Lord's Voice crying to his People.
Journal of the Siege of Louisbourg, and other pamphlets, bound together.
Sagittarius's Letters.
The Christian History of the year [1743].

Also, One hundred pamphlets of a historical nature were given by Mr. White, consisting of sermons on various occasions, political and religious controversy, &c.

From Mr. Benjamin Guild, seven bound books, viz.: —
Bernard Romans's History of Florida.
Debates in Virginia Convention on the Federal Constitution. 2 vols. (Third volume wanting.)
Francis Hutchinson on Witchcraft.
Sermons and other pamphlets bound together. 3 vols. Also,
Fifty pamphlets, consisting of sermons on public occasions, politics, &c.

From Mr. Benjamin Russell, Birch's Life of Sir Robert Boyle, containing some letters of Eliot, the Indian Apostle.

From Mr. Benjamin Burt, several numbers of "The New England Courant," printed by Benjamin Franklin.

From Mr. Joseph Coolidge, eight bound books.

TENTH MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, at the house of the Rev. Peter Thacher, D.D., on Wednesday the 23d of May, 1792 — present, Mr. Belknap, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Minot, Mr. Thacher, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Wallcut.

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers for the year ensuing: * —

* The preceding meeting, in April, was fixed, by the Constitution, for the annual choice of officers, &c., and this meeting is not called an adjourned

HON. JAMES SULLIVAN, ESQ. . .	PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM TUDOR, ESQ.	TREASURER.
REV. JEREMY BELKNAP	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
THOMAS WALLCUT	RECORDING SECRETARY.
REV. JOHN ELIOT	LIBRARIAN AND CABINET-KEEPER.
REV. PETER THACHER	STANDING COMMITTEE.
HON. JAMES WINTHROP	
HON. GEO. R. MINOT	

The following donations were received at this meeting: —

An Indian stone pipe, from Mr. Adam Colson.
Two ancient silver coins, from Captain Thomas Powers, — one of the Emperor Valentinian, and a Brazilian coin of the date 1695.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to each of those gentlemen.

Voted, That the Treasurer call upon the members to pay their annual assessments.

Voted, That Mr. Minot and Mr. Thacher be a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts and report at the next meeting.*

The following nominations were then made of new members: Mr. Thaddeus Mason Harris of Cambridge, by Mr. Eliot; Mr. Thomas Pemberton of Boston, by Mr. Belknap; William Wetmore, Esq., of Boston, by Mr. Tudor; and Mr. Redford Webster, of Boston, by Mr. Minot.

Adjourned to Tuesday next, the 29th instant, to meet at Mr. Tudor's office, at 6 o'clock P.M.

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meeting. Five members — a quorum for business — seem to have been present at the April meeting. — EDS.

* On the first page of the oldest account book in the cabinet of the Treasurer, is the following record in the handwriting of Mr. Savage: "The Book of Accounts of the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society from its first organization, was destroyed by fire, on the morning of the 10th November, 1825, soon after midnight, at the office of James Savage, the Treasurer, in Court St., Boston." Numerous vouchers for payments and some memoranda of receipts in the early years of the Society are in the files of the Treasurer. — EDS.

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ELEVENTH MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, holden by adjournment at the house of William Tudor, Esq., on Tuesday, the 29th day of May, 1792 — present, Mr. Belknap, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Davis, Mr. Minot, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tudor, Mr. Thacher, and Mr. Wallcut.

The Treasurer exhibited his account, by which it appears that he has received thirty-one pounds sixteen shillings, and that his expenditures amount to twenty-two pounds, one shilling, and one penny; which leaves in his hands, nine pounds, fourteen shillings, and eleven pence.

Voted, That said account be accepted.*

It being represented to the Society that the stockholders can no longer accommodate the Society with a room for their Library, &c., in the Bank building, —

Voted, That the Standing Committee, in conjunction with the Rev. Mr. Eliot and the Rev. Mr. Freeman, be a Committee to procure another room for the Library and Museum, and to remove the property of the Society.

The members proceeded to ballot for the candidates who have stood in nomination the time required by the Constitution. The Rev. Manasseh Cutler, LL.D., of Ipswich, The Hon. William Heath, Esq., of Roxbury,

* The Constitution of the Society, and a vote passed at the first meeting, directed that all the accounts should be kept in dollars and cents, or the Federal currency of the United States. But it would appear from the record that the first report of the Treasurer was not rendered in this manner. — Eds.

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Dr. AARON DEXTER, of Boston, and DANIEL DAVIS, Esq., of Portland, all of this Commonwealth, were elected Resident Members. EBENEZER HAZARD, Esq., of Philadelphia, JOHN JAY, Esq., of New York (Chief Justice of the United States), Mr. JAMES PERKINS, of Cape François, DAVID RAMSAY, Esq., of Charleston, S. C., Rev. ALEXANDER SPARK, of Quebec, and CHARLES THOMSON, Esq., of Philadelphia, were elected Corresponding Members.

Voted, That the Librarian receive into the Library, Backus's History, and that Mr. Belknap be paid fifteen shillings for the exchange.

The Hon. Peleg Coffin, Esq., was nominated by Mr. Davis.

Adjourned to Friday, the 8th of June, to meet at the President's house.

TWELFTH MEETING.*

At a meeting of the Historical Society, holden by adjournment at the house of the President, on the 8th day of June, 1792 — present, Mr. Belknap, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Minot, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Thacher, Mr. Winthrop, and Mr. Wallcut.

* The meetings, from one to twelve, are numbered by Mr. Wallcut, the first Recording Secretary, in the margin, and these numbers have been placed as a heading to the printed record. The "twelfth meeting" is the last thus designated by the Secretary. The headings to the meetings which follow have also been prefixed by the editors, as for many years all such designations are wanting in the original record. — EDS.

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The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters which he had received from three gentlemen in answer to his letters notifying them of their election as members of the Society, viz.: —

From the Hon. William Heath, Esq., of Roxbury, who declines being a member.*

From the Hon. John Jay, Esq., of New York, Chief Justice of the United States, and Mr. James Perkins, of Cape François, as Corresponding Members, who accept of their election.

Mr. Winthrop communicated four pamphlets, the donation of Dr. Timothy Lindall Jennison, of Cambridge, viz.: —

The Free Briton's Supplemental memorial to the Electors of the members of the British Parliament.

The Constitution of the State of Vermont, as revised by the Council of Censors, and recommended to the consideration of the People. Windsor: Printed by Hough and Spooner, 1785.

An act for the establishment of a College or University within the Colony of Rhode Island. And,

A Declaration by the Representatives of the United Colonies of North America, met in Congress at Philadelphia, 1775.

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* General Heath, in a letter to the Corresponding Secretary, dated "Roxbury, June 4, 1792," expressing the high sense he entertained of the honor done him, proceeds to say: —

"Amidst a variety of public and private avocations, I have scarcely a moment to spare by which I can render any service to the Society, and more especially as I have an arduous object in view, which is now retarded, only because I cannot redeem time from other pressing business to give it that attention which it requires. Should I be so fortunate as to accomplish the object which I have in view, it may serve and gratify posterity more than any other efforts I can possibly make, and any diversion from it may prove the loss of it. To be a useless member of the Society, and to keep out of it some other gentleman who may render it service, would give me pain, and cannot be pleasing to them. I am, therefore, constrained to decline an acceptance of the honor which is proffered to me."

The "arduous object" which the General had "in view" was probably the compilation of his "Memoirs," which were published in 1798. — Eds.

Mr. BELKNAP communicated a donation from Captain Thomas Powers: *

A Silver Denarius of the Emperor Valentinian, above fourteen hundred years old.
A Silver Portuguese coin of King Peter II., made in 1695.
An English Penny of Charles II. 1675.
An English Sixpence of Charles II. 1679.

Mr. WALLCUT communicated a donation from Mr. John Lucas:

Beverley's History of Virginia.
Crantz's History of Greenland, and,
The Missions of the *Unitas Fratrum* at New Herrnhuth, Lichtenfelds, &c.

Also, from Messrs. Thomas Fleet and John Fleet:

Journals of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts, for several years, and a large parcel of newspapers, in addition to their former valuable donation.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the several gentlemen respectively for their valuable donations.

Mr. WINTHROP presented the Society with Dr. Waterhouse's Discourse before the Middlesex Medical Association at Concord.

Voted, That in case of absence, any member of the Society may appoint any other member as his proxy to ballot for him in elections. *Provided*, that the power be given in writing, and the person to be balloted for be named.

The following nominations were made of Corresponding Members:—

Rev. J. Erskine, D.D., of Edinburgh, by Mr. Thacher; Rev. Andrew Brown, D.D., of Halifax, by Mr. Belknap; Hon. Nathaniel Niles of Fairlee, Vt., by Mr. Sullivan; and Noah Webster, Jr., Esq., of Hartford, by Mr. Freeman.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a stated quarterly meeting of the Historical Society, held (for the first time at the new room obtained for the Library and Museum) in Faneuil Hall building, on Tuesday, the 31st of July, 1792 — present, Mr. Belknap, Dr. Dexter, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Minot, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Wallcut.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the following persons for the benefactions presented by them, viz.: —

John Gardiner, Esq., for his Speech on the Theatre.
Mr. Josiah Eliot, for a volume of newspapers.
"A Friend," for one hundred and fifty pamphlets.
Mr. Mathew Nazro, for the Columbian Centinel for the year 1791.
Mrs. Rowe, for a number of pamphlets.
Rev. John Clark, for an old manuscript.
"A Friend," for a French Atlas, 1692.
Ezekiel Price, Esq., for twelve pictures, heads of ancient philosophers, poets, orators, &c.
Mr. Nathaniel Brewer, for an Indian paddle, brought in the ship "Columbia" from the north-west coast of America.
Dr. Amasa Dingley, for Peter Martyr's History De Orbe Novo.
Mr. Abraham Adams.
Mr. Zacheus Macy, for a MS.: Remarks on the History, Trade, &c., of Nantucket.*
Mr. Benjamin Larkin, for Humphreys's Life of Putnam.
Rev. Jedediah Morse, for Life of Thomas Paine.
Ebenezer Hazard, Esq., for Vol. I. of his Historical Collections.
Mr. William Tilestone Clap, for a number of pamphlets.
Mr. Samuel Greenough, for several volumes of sermons in French.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be directed to procure the binding of fifty volumes of pamphlets, arranged by the Librarian, and of so many volumes of the newspapers which are complete as to them may appear necessary, upon the best terms in their power.

Voted, That Mr. Minot be added to the Committee for collecting materials for the press and superintending the publishing of the same.

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* Published in Collections, III. 155. — Eds.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters he had received from Dr. Aaron Dexter, and Mr. Daniel Davis (of Portland), signifying their acceptance of their election as Resident Members. Also, from Eben. Hazard, Esq.

Mr. William Dandridge Peck was nominated a member by Dr. Dexter, and Dr. Samuel Tenney, of Exeter, by Mr. Belknap.

Adjourned to Friday, the 10th of August, at 10 o'clock A.M.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, held, by adjournment from Tuesday, the 31st July, at the Library at Faneuil Hall, on Friday, the 10th day of August, 1792 — present, Mr. Belknap, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Minot, and Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. Wallcut resigning his appointment as Recording Secretary of the Society, Mr. MINOT was elected by ballot to that office in his stead.

Voted, That if any of the Corresponding Members request a copy of the "Apollo," the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to deliver one to each of them.

Voted, That the Standing Committee procure stationery and other small articles necessary for the use of the Society.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary request of the Rev. Jason Haven, minister of the First Parish in Dedham, a copy of his half-century sermon, to be placed in the Library.

Mr. JOHN DAVIS presented the Society with several pamphlets, and Mr. THACHER presented the old version of Psalms, &c., for New England.

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Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the following persons respectively for their donations at this meeting: —

Mr. Joseph Cowdin, for a volume containing a manuscript and a variety of miscellaneous tracts, printed sheets, &c.

Mr. Stephen Codman, for a valuable collection of Resolves of the Provincial Congress and County Conventions, Notes of Town Meetings, The Worcester Covenant, and original Letters of Committees of Correspondence, &c., in several towns in Massachusetts, in the years 1774 and 1775.

Mr. Samuel Clap, for a Copperplate Engraving of four bills of paper money of different denominations in the year 1733; a Plan of the Fortress, City, and Harbor of Louisburg in 1746; and a Map of South America.

Rev. Ezra Ripley, for copies of his sermon preached at the dedication of the new meeting-house in Concord.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, held, by adjournment, at the Library, on Monday, the 13th day of August, 1792 — present, Mr. Belknap, Dr. Dexter, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Minot, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Winthrop.

The following donations were presented: —

A pamphlet: The Path to Riches, by the President.

Bartram's Travels and Blodget's Map of Connecticut, by Mr. Tudor.

A collection of manuscript papers, tables, &c., showing the state of the trade of the several Provinces before the Revolution, Topographical Description of the Gulf of Florida and the country round it, and the Census of Massachusetts for the year — donation of Mr. Ezekiel Price.

The following persons were elected members by ballot, — Mr. Thaddeus Mason Harris, of Cambridge; Mr. Thomas Pemberton, of Boston; William Wetmore, Esq., of Boston; Dr. Redford Webster, of Boston; Hon. Peleg Coffin, Esq., of Nantucket. Noah Webster, Jr., Esq., of Hartford, as a Corresponding Member.

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Mr. Winthrop proposed the Rev. Dr. Ezra Stiles, of New Haven, as a Corresponding Member.

Adjourned to the eighth day of October, at 10 o'clock A.M.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, at the Library, on Friday, the 14th day of September, 1792,* —

It appearing to the Society that the publication of the "Apollo" will not be continued with the papers of the Society annexed in the usual manner,

Voted, That Dr. Belknap, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Eliot, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Minot be a committee to consider of the best manner of publishing the papers of the Society in future, and the lowest rate at which the printing business can be done, and report.

Letters from the Rev. Dr. M. Cutler, Dr. David Ramsay, Mr. Redford Webster, Hon. Peleg Coffin, Esq., Mr. Thomas Pemberton, Noah Webster, Esq., and Mr. T. M. Harris, accepting their elections as members of the Society, were read.

A letter from Rev. Jason Haven, of Dedham, relative to his half-century sermon, was read.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, at half-past 3 o'clock P.M.

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* The records of Mr. Minot as Recording Secretary here begin. From this period, for a number of years, no record of attendance is kept. — EDS.

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Mr. [illegible] proposed the Rev. Dr. Ezra Stiles, of [illegible] as a Corresponding Member.

Adjourned to the eighth day of December, at [illegible] A.M.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, at the Library, on Friday, the 14th day of September, 1792.*—

It appearing to the Society that the publication of the "[illegible]" [illegible] be continued with the papers of the Society [illegible] the [illegible] manner.

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Letters from the Rev. Dr. M. Cutler, Dr. David [illegible], Mr. [illegible] Webster, Hon. [illegible] Collins, Esq., Mr. Thomas [illegible], Noah Webster, Esq., and Mr. [illegible] Harris, accepting their elections as members of the Society, were read.

A letter from Rev. Jason Haven, of Dedham, relating to his half-century sermon, was read.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, at half-past 3 o'clock [illegible]

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ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, by adjournment, at the Library, on Wednesday, 19th day of September, 1792, —

A letter from William Wetmore, Esq., accepting his election as a Resident Member of the Society, was read.

The Committee appointed to consider of the best mode of publishing the papers of the Society in future made report, whereupon it was

Voted, That if Messrs. Belknap and Hall will publish the papers of the Society in a pamphlet, monthly, to consist of twenty-four pages, the Society will take fifty copies in sheets, at two pence one farthing a sheet; that the number of copies to be struck off be three hundred; and that, in addition to the fifty copies above mentioned, the Society will take all such copies as may remain unsold at the rate aforesaid, for the term of one quarter of a year from the first Friday of October next.

Mr. Belknap appeared, and agreed to the above terms in behalf of himself and Mr. Hall, his partner.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, held, by adjournment, at the Library, Oct. 8, 1792, —

Nathaniel Freeman, Esq., of Sandwich, was nominated as a member by the Hon. Mr. Sullivan, and the Rev. John Mellen, Jr., of Barnstable, by the Rev. Mr. Freeman. Hon. Edmund Randolph, Attorney-General of the

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United States, was nominated by the Rev. Dr. Jeremy Belknap as a Corresponding Member.

Mr. William Dandridge Peck, of Kittery, was chosen a domestic member. Dr. Samuel Tenney, of Exeter, New Hampshire, and the Rev. Dr. John Erskine, of Edinburgh, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Voted, That the Hon. James Sullivan, Esq., be a committee to request of the committee of the church in Brattle Street the liberty of their house for the delivery of the public discourse on the 23d of October instant.

Voted, That the Society will begin the next meeting, which is to be considered as the quarterly meeting, on the 23d instant, at ten o'clock A.M., at the house of Rev. Dr. Thacher, to proceed thence to the meeting-house.

Voted, That the Secretary issue notifications accordingly, and advertise the meeting in the newspapers.

Voted, That Dr. Belknap, Dr. Thacher, and Mr. Eliot, with the President, be a committee to make any further arrangements that may be necessary.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, at the house of the Rev. Dr. Thacher, in Boston, on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of October, 1792, —

Mr. Alden Bradford, a tutor of Harvard College, was nominated as a member by Dr. Dexter.

Rev. Dr. Ezra Stiles and Hon. Edmund Randolph were elected Corresponding Members; and Rev. John Mellen, Jr., of Barnstable, and Hon. Nathaniel Freeman, Esq., of Sandwich, were elected Resident Members.

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The Society then proceeded to the Meeting-house in Brattle Street, where a discourse was delivered by Rev. Dr. Jeremy Belknap upon the subject of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, and service was performed, agreeably to the votes of the Society.*

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* The following is an extract from "The Independent Chronicle, and the Universal Advertiser," of Thursday, Oct. 25, 1792: —

"*Celebration of the Discovery of America.*

"Tuesday last, the 23d instant, being the 12th of the month, old style, and the day on which the third century after the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus was completed, that event was celebrated by the Historical Society of this Commonwealth, in the following manner: —

"The members of the Society having assembled at a quarterly meeting, held at the house of the Rev. Dr. Thacher, they proceeded from thence to the meeting-house in Brattle Square. Dr. Thacher opened the service with a prayer peculiarly adapted to the occasion. A discourse was then delivered by the Rev. Dr. Belknap, who had been appointed by the Society for that purpose. This discourse was distinguished by a deep research into the subject of the discovery of America, both as to the reasons which led to it, and its consequences; by an entertaining account of the character and fortunes of the great discoverer; and, above all, by a liberality of sentiment in politics and religion which do honor to the age. After the discourse, a prayer, pertinent to the subject of the day, was made by the Rev. Mr. Eliot, and the whole was concluded with an ode, by Mr. Rea and others, in concert with the organ.

"His Excellency the Governor, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and such of the Honorable Council as were in town, favored the Society with their attendance on this occasion, and accompanied the members to dine with the Hon. James Sullivan, Esq., the President, at his house, where the memory of Columbus was toasted in convivial enjoyment, and the warmest wishes were expressed that the blessings now distinguishing the United States might be extended to every part of the world he has discovered."

The selection of the 23d of October for the day of celebration, as corresponding in new style to the 12th in old style, was an error, as only nine days were required to represent the difference, the true day falling on the 21st. It was not till 1752 that the Gregorian calendar was adopted in England and her colonies, when eleven days were stricken from the old calendar as the difference which then existed between that and the new calendar. This fact being known, eleven days seem to have been erroneously assumed as the difference between old and new style for all time. In 1769, when the celebration of the Landing of the Pilgrims in 1620 was instituted at Plymouth by the Old Colony Club, eleven days were assumed for the difference of style, instead of ten, the true difference, and the error was continued for nearly a century. In like manner, the same error was made in computing the date from old style of the discovery of America by Columbus, whereas but nine days were required to represent the

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After which, the members returned to the house of Dr. Thacher, and it was

Voted, That a committee be appointed to wait on the Rev. Dr. Belknap, and in the name of the Society to thank him for the discourse this day delivered by him, and to confer with him respecting the printing thereof.*

Dr. Dexter, Dr. Thacher, and Mr. Tudor were appointed on the committee.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Rea and the other gentlemen musicians who aided in the celebration of the day.

Voted, That the Treasurer defray any small expenses that may have arisen therefrom.

Voted, That the Standing Committee cause to be printed such a number of copies of the Catalogue and of the Constitution of the Society as they may judge proper.

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true difference. The American Antiquarian Society, in 1813, directed, in their by-laws, that the annual oration should "be delivered on the 23d of October, the day on which America was discovered by Columbus"; and, until 1855, the annual meeting of that Society continued to be held on that day. The error was then detected, and a change made to the twenty-first day of October, as corresponding to the true date of discovery (October 12) in old style.

The three hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America was celebrated in New York on the 12th of October, as appears by the same paper from which the above extract is taken: —

"On the twelfth instant was celebrated in New York the completion of the third century since the discovery of America by Columbus. On this occasion a monumental obelisk was exhibited by the Tammany Society at their Great Wigwam, where an animated oration on the great nautical hero was delivered by J. B. Johnson, Esq." — Eds.

* Dr. Belknap's Discourse was printed by Belknap and Hall, at the Apollo Press, State Street, 1792, entitled, "A Discourse intended to commemorate the Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus," &c. — Eds.

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SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY, 1793.

A special meeting of the Society was held at the house of the President, Jan. 2, 1793.

Mr. ALDEN BRADFORD was chosen a Resident Member, and Hon. NATHANIEL NILES, Esq., of Fairlee, Vermont, a Corresponding Member.

Rev. John Prince, of Salem, was nominated for a Resident Member by Dr. Cutler.

Voted, That the Committee for superintending the press the last year be a committee to contract for the printing business of the Society this ensuing year.

Voted, That the President, Dr. Thacher, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Webster be a committee for superintending the press and collecting materials for the ensuing year.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary procure a suitable number of blank notifications to be printed.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, held on the last Tuesday of January, 1793, being the twenty-ninth day of said month, —

The following donations were received: —

Sundry Curiosities from the Sandwich Islands and the North-west Coast, from Mr. Lewis Hoyt.
A number of Copper Coins, from Rev. John Eliot.
A Copper Medal of Mr. Pitt, from Mr. Thomas Pemberton.
A curious Rose.
A Milliped, found at Hopkinton.
Some Teeth of the Spermaceti Whale.

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Robert Calef's book, entitled "More Wonders of the Invisible World," from William Parker, Esq., of Exeter, New Hampshire.
The History of New Hampshire, in three volumes, and a Discourse on the Discovery of America, by Rev. Dr. Belknap. From the author.
Josephus Acosta, De Orbe Novo, from Dr. Amasa Dingley.
The Worcester Gazette, for 1792, from Isaiah Thomas, Esq.
The Boston Gazette, for 1792, from Mr. Benjamin Edes.
Life of Sir William Phipps, from Mr. Josiah Eliot.
Life of General Monk, from Mr. Peter Thacher, Jr.
Burnaby's Travels, Bartram's Travels, The American Traveller, Gazette of the United States, from June, 1792, to January, 1793. From William Tudor, Esq.
Sheffield's Observations on the American Trade, from Mr. Redford Webster.
An Epistle from Yarico to Inkle. Printed and presented by Mr. Isaac Story.
London Magazine, for 1766, from the same.
A number of Newspapers, from Rev. John Eliot.
Flint's Sermons, from Mr. Joseph Kettell.
Interest of Great Britain, with regard to her Colonies, from Dr. Franklin. 1760.
North Britain Extraordinary, and several other pamphlets, from Mr. Daniel Greenleaf.
Copy of a Plan of Plymouth, originally taken by Charles Blaskowitz, from James Winthrop, Esq.
Three files of Manuscript Letters from the Library of the late Dr. Coleman, from Rev. Dr. P. Thacher.

Rev. JOHN PRINCE was chosen a member.

A letter from Rev. Alexander Spark, accepting his election, was read.

Letters from Dr. Samuel Tenney, Nathaniel Freeman, Esq., and Rev. Dr. Ezra Stiles, accepting their elections respectively, were read.

The Committee appointed to contract for the printing business of the Society the ensuing year reported that they had contracted with Messrs. Belknap and Hall, as follows, viz.: —

It is this day agreed between Jeremy Belknap, John Eliot, and James Freeman, Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, on the one part, and Belknap & Hall, printers, on the other part, to print fifty copies of the Historical Collections at two pence one farthing a sheet, each copy to contain one sheet and a half, monthly, for the term of three

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Rev. John Prince, was chosen a member.

A letter from Rev. Alexander [illegible], accepting his election, was read.

Letters from Dr. Samuel Tenney, Nathaniel Freeman, Esq. and Rev. Dr. Ezra Stiles, accepting their election respectively, were read.

The Committee appointed to contract for the printing business of the Society the ensuing year reported, that they had contracted with Messrs. Belknap and Hall, as follows, viz.—

It is this day agreed between Jeremy Belknap [illegible] in behalf of the Massachusetts Historical Society [illegible] part, and Belknap [illegible] on the other part, [illegible] copies of the [illegible] half sheet, for the [illegible]

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months; and, provided the said Belknap & Hall shall sell four hundred copies, the price to be reduced to one penny a sheet.

Nominations: —

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., by John Davis, Esq.; Ezekiel Price, Esq., by James Sullivan, Esq.

Voted, That Mr. Freeman be appointed to purchase Bibliotheca Americana for the Society.*

That Mr. Freeman and Mr. Eliot be a committee to procure to be bound such copies of newspapers as are complete, and twenty copies of the first volume of the Collections.

That the Treasurer send the accounts of the several members of their annual assessments.

That the Secretary and Treasurer be empowered to print such blanks as they may find necessary.

That the President, Mr. Minot, and Mr. Wetmore be a committee to consider the expediency of applying to the General Court for an act of incorporation; and to bring in a draft of a petition and a bill for that purpose, if they judge proper, at the next quarterly meeting.

That Mr. Coffin and Mr. Davis be a committee to procure a set of the Journals, Acts, and Resolves of Congress and the General Court, for the use of the Society.

ANNUAL MEETING.†

At a meeting of the Historical Society, on Tuesday, the 30th April, 1793, —

* For a description of this book, published in London in 1789, see the Society's catalogue, and also John Carter Brown's catalogue under the year 1789. — Eds.

† The Rev. James Freeman being now elected Recording Secretary, which office he held for many years, the records in his beautiful hand begin at this place. — Eds.

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers: —

HON. JAMES SULLIVAN, ESQ.,	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM TUDOR, ESQ.	"	TREASURER.
REV. JEREMY BELKNAP, D.D.	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
MR. JAMES FREEMAN	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
HON. GEORGE R. MINOT, ESQ.	"	LIBRARIAN AND CABINET-KEEPER.
HON. JAMES WINTHROP, ESQ.		
REV. PETER THACHER, D.D.	"	STANDING COMMITTEE.
DR. REDFORD WEBSTER		

The following donations were received: —

For the Library: —

Portlock's Voyage, from Christopher Gore, Esq.

Collection of New Hampshire Gazettes, from 1756 (when first published) to 1786, from Samuel Penhallow, Esq., of Portsmouth.

Meteorological Observations made at Halifax, Nova Scotia, for January and February, 1793, from Dr. Peters.

Independent Advertiser, for 1749, and a number of Election Sermons, from Dr. Nathaniel Noyes.

Abridgment of Raleigh's History of the World, from Mr. Robert Molineux.

Two very curious Manuscripts in parchment, from Miss Polly and Miss Kitty Byles.

A collection of Pamphlets, from Mr. John Dabney, of Salem.

A curious Manuscript, from Mr. Jeremy Belknap, Sen.

Fifty numbers of Voltaire's Works, from John Lucas, Esq.

Journals of Congress for 1774, a few Pamphlets, and several Newspapers. From William Greenleaf, Esq.

Fifteen volumes of the Essex Gazette, from Rev. William Bentley, of Salem.

Original Fragment of Massachusetts Charter,* and a volume containing a Speech of James I. and other Tracts. From Miss Elizabeth Davis.

Harrington's Century Sermon, from John Whiting, Esq.

Hughes's History of Barbadoes, from Dr. Redford Webster.

For the Cabinet: —

A Specimen of Animal Preservation, from Mr. Jeremy Belknap, Sen.

A Golden Cock, from Mr. Gardiner Baker, of New York.

A Tarantula, from Mr. Elisha Sigourney.

A Davis's Quadrant, made of pear tree, in 1676, by James Halsey, of Boston, the first instrument maker in America. From Mr. Andrew Newell.

A very large Flamingo, from Mr. William Hussey, Jr.

Members chosen: DUDLEY ATKINS TYNG, Esq., and EZEKIEL PRICE, Esq., were chosen Resident Members.

* A roll of several pieces of the Provincial Charter. — EDS.

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Rev. ANDREW BROWN, D.D., of Halifax, was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Nomination: Mr. Samuel Turell, by Rev. Dr. Belknap.

The Hon. Mr. WINTHROP, being appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, attended that service, and reported that he found the accounts correct; that the receipts to the present time amount to £48 16*s.*, the expenses to £29 3*s.* 0¼*d.*, and that there remains in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of £19 12*s.* 11¾*d.*

Voted, That this report be accepted.

Voted, That the key of the Library be kept at the house of the Librarian.

Voted, That the quarterly meeting on the last Tuesday in July be held at Winthrop's Island; and that William Tudor, Esq., Rev. John Eliot, and Dr. Aaron Dexter be a committee to procure a boat and provide the necessary accommodations.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of July, 1793, at Winthrop's or Governor's Island, —

The following communications were made: —

Topographical and Historical Account of York, by the Hon. Judge Sewall.
Topographical Description of Hartford, by Noah Webster, Jr., Esq.
Topographical Description of Middleborough, accompanied with a plan, by Mr. Bennett.

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Topographical Description of Holliston, accompanied with a plan, by Rev. Mr. Dickinson.

Topographical Description of the Town of Barnstable, by Rev. Mr. Mellen.*

The following donations were received: —

For the Library: —

Fragment of a MS. Letter-book of Governor Bradford, of Plymouth, from 1624 to 1630, found in a grocer's shop in Halifax, Nova Scotia. From James Clarke, Esq., of Halifax.†

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* These several Topographical Descriptions were printed in Vol. III. of the Collections, pp. 1-21. — EDS.

† This fragment of Governor Bradford's Letter-book was printed in Vol. III. of the Collections, making fifty pages. It appears from a note at the beginning of the printed text that the MS. of the part preserved began with "page 339, the preceding pages wanting," and covered the years 1624-1630. This shows that what was recovered was but a small part of what was lost; while it is probable that the collection originally contained also letters of a later date than 1630. Governor Bradford's History closed with the year 1646, and the letters which he had preserved to illustrate that part of the narrative, from 1630 to its conclusion, may have been included in his Letter-book, as well as those used in the earlier portion. The fragment recovered may have been one volume of a series continuously paged. The fortunate recovery of Governor Bradford's History, some sixty years after Mr. James Clarke rescued this fragment from a grocer's shop in Halifax, happily supplies to a certain extent the place of the Letter-book; for, while the author did not copy into his History all these letters, we may well suppose him, judging from the use he made of those preserved, to have used the most valuable part of them.

The finding of this manuscript in Halifax naturally suggests the thought that it left Boston at the time of the "evacuation," in March, 1776; and, it being well known that the British soldiers during the occupation of Boston had free access to the Historical Library of books and manuscripts of the Rev. Thomas Prince, kept in a room in the tower of the Old South Meeting-house, that it was taken from that collection. This is not improbable. There may be no positive evidence that Prince's Library then contained this Letter-book, yet we know that it was once in Prince's possession. For, besides the manuscripts of Bradford, which he mentions, in the preface to his Chronological History, as having had an "opportunity to search," — namely, "Bradford's History of Plymouth People and Colony," in folio, and "A Register of Governor Bradford's, in his own hand, recording some of the first deaths, marriages, and punishments at Plymouth, with three other miscellaneous volumes of his," in octavo, — he several times refers, in his notes on the margin of Bradford's manuscript History, to "Governor Bradford's Collection of Letters." See pp. 47, 61, 64, and 71 of the printed volume.

The following is the letter of Mr. Clarke which accompanied the manuscript:

"HALIFAX, May 28, 1793.

"SIR, — The enclosed ancient manuscript I found some years ago in a grocer's shop in this town, of whom I obtained it with a view of saving what

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Helvici Chronologia, from Rev. John Clarke.

A MS. Election Sermon in Plymouth Colony, 1686, by Rev. Jonathan Russell, then of Barnstable, from Mr. Isaiah Lewis Green.

Memoirs of the Church at Midway, in Georgia, from Rev. Abiel Holmes.

Rawson's Translation into the Indian language of the Westminster Confession, from Mr. Timothy Alden, Jr.

Dr. Colman's Election Sermon, 1738, from Mr. Samuel Whitwell, Jr.

One hundred Pamphlets, from Mr. Samuel Whitney.

A volume of mixed Tracts of the last century, from Mr. James White.

A Philosophical Manuscript, by Charles Morton, from Mr. James Thomson.

Several ancient Pamphlets, from Mr. Robie.

A number of Election Sermons of the last century, several numbers of the American Museum, several valuable Pamphlets, and several Manuscripts and Engravings. From Dr. Nathaniel Noyes.

New England's Prospect, 1764, A New Survey of the West Indies, Eliot's Indian Bible, 1663, Reflections on the Council of Trent, Institutiones Linguæ Græcæ, N. Clenardo Authore, 1590, The Abridgment of all the Statutes of England made in the thirty-first year of Henry VIII., Biblia Sacra, 1596, and seven Pamphlets. From Mrs. Coffin.

Ninety-one Pamphlets, from Rev. Mr. Whitman, of Wellfleet.

Fourteen Pamphlets, from Mr. Peter Thacher, Jr.

Several valuable Papers, from Dr. Erskine, of Edinburgh.

Forty-four numbers of Voltaire's Works, and Bacon's Natural History. From Dr. Dexter.

The Proceedings of Two Conventions, held at Portland, to consider the expediency of a separate government in the District of Maine * (in MS.); A Defence of the Title of the late John Leverett, Esq., to the Muscongus Lands [by Samuel Waldo]. From Daniel Davis, Esq.

For the Cabinet: —

Eleven pieces of coin, a large Conch from Jamaica, a Chinese Woman's Shoe, and a Fossil Substance. From Mr. Thomas Fleet.

A Chair of antique fashion, from Mr. Hathorne, of Salem.

Some specimens of Animal Preservation, from Dr. Peters.

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remained from destruction. I lament extremely that a page has been torn out; and it gives me pleasure that I now have an opportunity of placing it in your hands, — a freedom I am induced to take from your advertisement of the first of November, 1792, and from a persuasion that it may contribute in some measure to the important objects of your Society, and I could wish I might otherwise be serviceable.

"I am, respectfully, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

"James Clarke.

"The Rev. Jeremy Belknap."

Where the writer speaks of a *page* being torn out, he probably means that one *leaf* had been torn out of the volume. Bradford may have written on one side only of the leaf in copying his letters, as he generally did in writing his History, so that one leaf would represent one page of writing. — Eds.

* See Collections, Vol. IV. p. 25. — Eds.

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The thanks of the Society were voted to those gentlemen who are not members for their donations.

Mr. Samuel Turell was chosen a Resident Member.

Voted, That Messrs. Eliot and Freeman, chosen a committee at the meeting in January to procure to be bound such copies of newspapers as are complete, and twenty copies of the first volume of the Collections, be directed to procure a number of volumes of newspapers to be bound according to their best discretion, whether the newspapers be complete or not; and that they be enjoined to demand of the printers of the Historical Collections the numbers which are deficient, and which they have not yet supplied, according to their agreement.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, on Tuesday, the 29th of October, 1793, —

The following communications were received: —

A MS. Letter from Governor Thomas Hinckley to the Selectmen and Inhabitants of Duxbury, dated Barnstable, 6 Feb., 1685. Presented by Mr. Isaiah Lewis Green.

MS. Description of Nova Scotia, supposed to be written by the Surveyor-General of the Province. Presented by Rev. Dr. Brown, of Halifax.*

A Topographical Description of the County of Prince George, in Virginia, by Rev. John Jones Spooner.*

The following donations were received: —

For the Library: —

A number of volumes of Newspapers, bound, and several unbound; and a Law of the State of New York, dividing the State into Townships. From Rev. Jedediah Morse.

Several numbers of Dr. Franklin's Newspapers, from Mr. John Furnass.

Twenty-five volumes, bound, and forty Pamphlets, from Colonel William Scollay.

Twelve volumes, bound, on various subjects, from Mr. William Coolidge.

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* These Descriptions were printed in the Collections, Vol. III. — Eds.

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Copy of a Letter from the Bishop of Capsa, Coadjutor of Quebec, to the President of the Committee on Education; the Paper read at the Bar of the House of Commons by Mr. Lymburner, Agent to the Subscribers to the Petition from the Province of Quebec; Ancient French Archives or Extracts from the Minutes of Council, relating to the Records of Canada, whilst under the government of France; and a Report of the Committee of Council on the subject of Promoting the Means of Education. From Rev. Alexander Spark, of Quebec.

Several MS. Papers; Fair Dealing between Debtor and Creditor, 1716; Samuel Coolidge's Sermon, preached at Castle William upon the Death of the Queen, 1738; The Right Way to Shake Off a Viper, 1720; A Description of the Curiosities at Wilton House; and Miscellaneous Reflections, occasioned by the Comet which appeared in December, 1680, by Mr. Bayle. From Madam Devereux, of Marblehead.

A Case decided in the Supreme Court of the United States, — Chisholm *v.* The State of Georgia, from Mr. Thomas Adams.

Five Political Pamphlets, from Mr. Gardiner Baker, of New York.

A collection of Newspapers, 1704 and 1719–1734, also fifteen Pamphlets. From Rev. Isaac Mansfield, of Marblehead.

An Answer to the Remarks of the Plymouth Company, 1753; Observations, Historical and Practical, on the Rise and Primitive State of New England, 1730; A Discourse concerning the Currencies of the British Plantations in America, 1740; The Art of Pleading, addressed to the Pettifoggers of New York; and A Speech made to Governor Shute by Cotton Mather, 1717.

Mr. Gurney's Sermon at the Ordination of Mr. Richmond, from Messrs. T. & J. Fleet.

Dr. Lathrop's Sermon at the Dudleian Lecture, from Mr. James White.

Funeral Sermon on Governor Pitkin, and Poems of Roger Wolcott, from Rev. Mr. McClure, of East Windsor.

Artillery Election Sermons, from Colonel Josiah Waters.

A bound volume, from Mr. James Freeman.

For the Cabinet: —

A French Coin, commemorative of the event of the 14th July, 1790, and a Bone of the Sawfish, from Mr. William Miller, Jr.

A Hottentot Ornament for the arm, made of bone, from Mr. William Hussey, Jr., of Nantucket.

A Marine Production, from Mr. William Coolidge.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the above gentlemen for their donations.

Nomination: Rev. John Jones Spooner, Rector of Martin's Brandon, Virginia, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Winthrop.

The Catalogue of the Library being reported, —

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Voted, That the Librarian procure it to be copied at the expense of the Society.

The Society then adjourned to the last Tuesday in November, at 3 o'clock P.M. The Recording Secretary is directed to notify the members of the meeting as well by the newspapers as in the usual mode.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, held, by adjournment, on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of November, 1793, —

The following communication was made: —

A Topographical Description of Wellfleet, by Rev. Levi Whitman.*

The following donations were received: —

For the Library: —

A new edition of the Captivity of Rev. John Williams, with additions by Rev. John [Taylor and others, 1793], from Mr. Thomas Dickman.

Three Sermons preached before the Society for Propagating the Gospel, from Rev. Dr. Thacher.

A printed copper-plate list of the First Purchasers and Settlers under William Penn, from Mrs. Russell, the wife of Mr. John Russell.

For the Cabinet: —

A Demarara Opossum, stuffed, from Captain Peter Chace.

A Fish Hook, from Nootka Sound, from the President.

An Indian Pestle, found at Newton, from Mr. William Googs.

Several Copper Coins and one Silver Coin, from Mr. James Thwing.

Shells taken out of the cliff at Rainsford's Island, from Mr. James Freeman.

A Portrait of Ankerstroom, from Captain Benjamin Homans.

Letters from Mr. James Clarke, of Halifax; † from Dr.

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* This was printed in Vol. III. of the Collections. — Eds.

† Mr. James Clarke continued to correspond with the Society. His discovery of the Bradford manuscript had given hopes that some other treasure of a simi-

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Brown, of Halifax, accompanying a topographical description of Nova Scotia; from Rev. Mr. Spark, of Quebec, accompanying several pamphlets; and from Ebenezer Hazard, Esq., offering to sell Dunlap's newspapers to the Society, were read.

The Rev. JOHN JONES SPOONER was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to receive immediately from the printers such newspapers as are presented by them to the Society, and to take charge of those which are now in the hands of Mr. Wallcut.

Voted, That Messrs. Wetmore, Freeman, Belknap, and Dexter be a committee for superintending the publications for the year 1794.

Voted, That the members of the Society be enjoined to return to the Library all the books now in their possession, within a fortnight from the present time.

SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY, 1794.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, held at the President's house, on Friday, the tenth day of January, 1794, —

A letter from Messrs. Scollay, Bulfinch, & Vaughan,

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lar nature might "turn up" in that region. In a letter to Dr. Belknap, on file, dated Aug. 5, 1793, acknowledging the receipt of his letter of June 4, Mr. Clarke says: "You judge right in supposing I am a New England man, and that I am so in heart I readily confess; and, perhaps, no descendant of the first settlers . . . can feel stronger attachments or a more sincere solicitude for its prosperity than I do. I am making every inquiry for whatever may contribute to the very interesting views of your Society. At Shelburne several persons are settled; and, like many others, in the paroxysm of political madness, probably did that which in their cooler moments they would be ashamed of, when Boston was evacuated. I do hope something may be found that will be useful." — EDS.

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offering an apartment in the Crescent for the use of the Society, was read. Whereupon,

Voted, That the offer be accepted, and the thanks of the Society be presented by the President to Messrs. Scollay, Bulfinch, and Vaughan for their generous donation.*

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* The following is the letter of Mr. Scollay and his associates, after which come Judge Sullivan's answer and acknowledgment: —

"BOSTON, Dec. 31, 1793.

"SIR, — In erecting the centre building of the Crescent, it was our intention to accommodate the Historical Society with a convenient room. We now request you to communicate to the Society, at their next meeting, our offer of the upper apartment, in its present state, with the addition of stairs and windows.

"If our offer is accepted, we wish you to furnish us with a proper form of conveyance, which shall be executed immediately.

"W. SCOLLAY.
CHARLES BULFINCH.
CHARLES VAUGHAN.

"Hon. JAMES SULLIVAN, Esq.,
President of the Historical Society."

"BOSTON, Jan. 11, 1794.

"GENTLEMEN, — Your obliging letter of the 31st of December last, offering to the Massachusetts Historical Society a room in the centre building of the Crescent, I have communicated to the Society. That association had its origin in a sincere wish to promote the honor and happiness of United America, and the labor of its members has been, and now is, employed with unremitting zeal and industry in collecting and preserving those materials which will give a foundation to a political, as well as a natural, history of the country. Our fellow-citizens, recognizing the utility of our plan, have been very liberal and assiduous in yielding us assistance and support. By these means we have amassed a great number of books, printed productions, ancient manuscripts, and natural curiosities. The government of this Commonwealth has directed the Secretary to deliver us copies of public proceedings; and we hope that the general and other governments will afford us aid and countenance in the same manner.

"Thus situated, and with these prospects, nothing could be more congenial to our wishes, or acceptable to our interest, than the generous offer you have made. We derive no small degree of pleasure from the consideration that the donation is made by gentlemen whose feelings for the public interest, and taste for architecture, have ornamented the capital with buildings so exceedingly elegant as the Crescent.

"I am directed by the Society, of which I have the honor of being President, to present to you their most cordial thanks for this mark of respect to

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Voted, That the President, the Treasurer, and Mr. Wetmore be a committee to prepare a proper form of conveyance of said apartment to the Society.

Voted, That the Treasurer, and Messrs. Freeman and Minot be a committee to attend to the finishing of the said apartment in a plain, economical style.

The following was read: —

"COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

"SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Dec. 3, 1793.

"MESSRS. ADAMS AND LARKIN, — Deliver to the Recording Secretary of the Historical Society one set of all the Laws, Resolves, Journals, Tax Acts, Proclamations, and other doings of Government, which shall be, or may have been, printed by you since the 28th of March, 1793. Also, any of the Laws, Journals, or Resolves of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, since the Revolution, which you may have in your office.

(Signed) "JOHN AVERY, Jr., Sec."

Nomination: Winthrop Sargent, Esq., Secretary of the Government north-west of the Ohio, by the Rev. Dr. Belknap.

Voted, That the Committee appointed Jan. 29, 1793, to consider the expediency of applying to the General Court for an act of incorporation, be directed to petition the Legislature at their next session, and to bring in a bill for that purpose.

Voted, That the nomination of Resident Members made at the last meeting stand over to the next meeting.

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their institution, and to assure you that a grateful sense of your generosity and goodness shall be preserved until the Society shall cease to exist.

"I have the honor to be, gentlemen, with sentiments of respect, your most obedient and humble servant,

"JAMES SULLIVAN.

"WILLIAM SCOLLAY,
CHARLES BULFINCH, } Esquires."
CHARLES VAUGHAN,

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Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Thomas Pemberton for his Journal of the American War, which has been printed in the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, on Tuesday, the twenty-eighth day of January, 1794, —

The following communications were made: —

A Topographical Description of Wells, in the County of York, by Hon. Nathaniel Wells, Esq.*

A Bill of Mortality for Edgartown, by Rev. Joseph Thaxter.

The following donations were received: —

For the Library: —

A number of volumes of Resolves of the Legislature of Massachusetts, and Journals of the two Houses. Presented by the Secretary, by order of the General Court.

Journals of Congress for 1777, and Prices of Silver Money the present century. From Dr. Noyes.

Smith's History of New York, The American Recorder for 1785 and 1786, and The Massachusetts Spy for 1781. From Mr. Eben. Larkin.

Laws and Regulations of the Massachusetts Agricultural Society. From Dr. Dexter.

Mœurs des Sauvages Amériquains, 4 tomes, par le P. Lafitau. From Rev. Mr. Barnard, of Salem.

Histoire de la Nouvelle France, 3 tomes, 4to, par Charlevoix. From Leonard Jarvis, Esq.

Charts of Universal History, by Fra. Tallents, olim Coll. Magd. Cant. Soc From Captain Silas Jones, of Nantucket.

Heylin's Cosmography, from Mr. Thomas Hancock.

Independent Chronicle for 1793, from Mr. Thomas Adams.

Columbian Centinel for 1793, from Captain Benjamin Russell.

Mercury, till September, 1793, from Mr. A. Young.

Worcester Gazette for 1793, from Isaiah Thomas, Esq.

For the Cabinet: —

The Horn of an Antelope, and a beautiful Univalve Shell from the coast of Africa. From Mr. Nathaniel Torrey.

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* This was printed in Vol. III. of the Collections. — EDS.

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Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the above gentlemen for their donations.

WINTHROP SARGENT, Esq., was chosen a Corresponding Member.

The Rev. John Clarke, of Boston, having signified his desire to subscribe a guinea for the finishing of the Society's Room in the Crescent, —

Voted, That his donation be accepted, and that the thanks of the Society be presented to him by the Corresponding Secretary.

Voted, That the Society will not act at present upon the nominations of Resident Members made at the meeting in November.

The following letters were read: —

From Mr. Thomas Hancock, accompanying Heylin's Cosmography.

From Nathaniel Adams, Esq., of Portsmouth, containing some geographical particulars relating to New Hampshire.

From Rev. Enos Hitchcock, D.D., informing that there are some ancient original letters of Roger Williams, and his transactions with the Indians, in the office of the Town-Clerk of Providence.

Dr. BELKNAP reported a memorial to Congress, soliciting the donation of printed Acts, Journals, &c., sent to Peleg Coffin, Esq., to be presented.*

Voted, That Dr. Belknap, Dr. Cutler, and Dr. Dexter be a committee to make additions to the Circular Letter, in which they will solicit donations for the Cabinet, give directions for the necessary preservation of the several objects of natural history, and request further information on that subject.

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* A copy of this memorial of the President and Corresponding Secretary is in the Letter-book of the Society, in the handwriting of the latter; also, a copy of the letter to Mr. Coffin, in which it was enclosed. — EDS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

An Act to incorporate a Society by the name of the Massachusetts Historical Society.*

Whereas the collection and preservation of materials for a political and natural history of the United States is a desirable object, and the institution of a Society for those purposes will be of public utility, —

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, that William Baylies, Esq., Jeremy Belknap, D.D., the Rev. Alden Bradford, Peleg Coffin, Esq., Manasseh Cutler, LL.D., John Davis, Esq., Daniel Davis, Esq., Aaron Dexter, Doctor in Physic, the Rev. John Eliot, Nathaniel Freeman, Esq., the Rev. James Freeman, the Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, Isaac Lothrop, Esq., George Richards Minot, Esq., the Rev. John Mellen, Jr., Thomas Pemberton, William Dandridge Peck, the Rev. John Prince, Ezekiel Price, Esq., James Sullivan, Esq., David Sewall, Esq., Peter Thacher, D.D., William Tudor, Esq., Samuel Turell, Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., James Winthrop, Esq., Thomas Wallcut, Redford Webster, and William Wetmore, Esq., who have associated for the purposes aforesaid, and have requested an Act of Incorporation, be and hereby are formed into and constituted a Society and body politic and corporate, by the name of the Massachusetts Historical Society; and that they, and their successors, and such other persons as shall be legally elected

* This Act of Incorporation, and the notice of the President to the members of the Society to meet on the 4th of April, and organize under it, are both entered in this place. They apparently form no part of the record of that meeting, though each must then have been read, and the Act formally or tacitly adopted. — Eds.

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by them, shall be and continue a body politic and corporate, by that name, for ever.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the members of said Society shall have power to elect a President and all other necessary officers; and that the said Society shall have one common seal, and the same may break, change, and renew at pleasure; and that the same Society, by the name aforesaid, as a body politic and corporate, may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend suits to final judgment and execution.

And be it further enacted, That the said Society shall have power to make orders and by-laws for governing its members and property, not repugnant to the laws of this Commonwealth; and may expel, disfranchise, or suspend any member who, by his misconduct, shall be rendered unworthy.

And be it further enacted, That the said Society may, from time to time, establish rules for electing officers and members, and also times and places for holding meetings; and shall be capable to take and hold real or personal estate, by gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, and the same or any part thereof to alien and convey: Provided, That the annual income of any real estate, by said Society holden, shall never exceed the sum of five hundred pounds; and that the personal estate thereof, besides books, papers, and articles in the Museum of said Society, shall never exceed the value of two thousand pounds.

And be it further enacted, That the number of members of said Society shall never be more than sixty (excepting honorary members, residing without the limits of this Commonwealth), and that James Sullivan, Esq., be, and he hereby is, authorized and empowered to notify and warn the first meeting of said Society; and the same Society, when met, shall agree upon a method for calling future meetings, and may have power to adjourn from time to time, as may be found necessary.

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And be it further enacted, That either branch of the Legislature shall and may have free access to the Library and Museum of said Society.

This Act passed Feb. 19, 1794.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Pursuant to an Act of the said Commonwealth, passed on the 19th of February, 1794, entitled, "An Act to incorporate a Society by the name of the Massachusetts Historical Society," the members of said Society are hereby notified to meet at the Senate Chamber in Boston, on Friday, the fourth day of April next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, to choose a President and other officers, and also to agree on a method for calling future meetings.

JAMES SULLIVAN.

BOSTON, March 8, 1794.

SPECIAL MEETING.

In consequence of the above notification, the Society met at the Senate Chamber, in Boston, on Friday, the fourth day of April, 1794, and made choice of the following gentlemen as officers for the year ensuing: —

HON. JAMES SULLIVAN, ESQ.	PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM TUDOR, ESQ.	TREASURER.
REV. JEREMY BELKNAP, D.D.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
MR. JAMES FREEMAN	RECORDING SECRETARY.
HON. GEO. RICHARDS MINOT, ESQ.	LIBRARIAN.
MR. SAMUEL TURELL	KEEPER OF THE CABINET.
HON. JAMES WINTHROP, ESQ.	STANDING COMMITTEE.
REV. PETER THACHER, D.D.	
DR. REDFORD WEBSTER	

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Voted, That Hon. J. Sullivan, Esq., William Tudor, Esq., and Rev. Mr. Eliot be a committee to draft and report bye-laws and orders for the regulation of this Society.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to call upon the members for the assessments due from them severally.

Voted, That the President, the Treasurer, and the Librarian be a committee to wait upon Messrs. Scollay, Bulfinch, and Vaughan, and receive from them a deed of the room in the Crescent.*

A letter from the President was read, in which he informs the Society that he has sold the copyright of a book, entitled "The History of the District of Maine," for the sum of two hundred dollars, which he requests the Society to accept.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the President for his donation.

Voted, That the Committee appointed to make additions to the Circular Letter have leave to sit again.

Voted, That twelve copies of the Historical Journal of the American War be presented to Mr. Pemberton.

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* The following is the substance of the deed, executed May 1, 1794, and recorded in the Suffolk Registry, Book 179, p. 98: —

"Know all men by these presents, that we, Charles Vaughan, William Scollay, and Charles Bulfinch, all of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, Esquires, for and in consideration of the sum of five shillings lawful money to us in hand paid by the Massachusetts Historical Society, but more especially for the promotion of the designs of the said Society, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto the said Society, and to their successors for ever, the upper apartment or room in the centre building in Franklin Place, in said Boston, called the Crescent, together with the passage-way or staircase leading to the same, to have and to hold the aforegranted premises, with the privileges and appurtenances thereof, unto the said Massachusetts Historical Society and to their successors, to their only use and benefit, for ever."

The above-mentioned apartment was forty feet in length and twenty-seven feet in breadth. It was to be finished at the expense of the Society. This apartment was occupied by them until 1833. The Boston Library Society, incorporated in 1794, occupied the first room over the arch, directly underneath that assigned to the Historical Society, for even a longer period, entering upon it the same year. — Eds.

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Voted, That the members be enjoined to return all the books in their possession on or before the fifteenth day of May, and that public notice be given in the newspapers.

The following donations were received: —

For the Library: —

Two bound Books and eight Pamphlets, from William T. Clap.

Several valuable Pamphlets, from Mr. Gardiner Baker, of New York.

Lovell's History of Minerals, from Dr. Peters.

Barton's Observations in Natural History, and Transactions of the American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia. Three volumes. From Dr. Benjamin S. Barton, of Philadelphia.

Minsheu's Ductor in Linguas, from J. S. H.

A large number of Pamphlets, from Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq.

Belknap's American Biography. Vol. I. From the author.

Secretary Popple's large Map of North America, from Mr. Benjamin Larkin.

Memoirs of the American Academy. One volume. From Major Joseph May.

For the Cabinet: —

A War Club from Oronoque, from Captain T. Powers.

A specimen of Lapis Caliminaris from Virginia, from Mr. Joshua Witherlee.

Several articles for the Museum, from D. A. Tyng, Esq.

Two specimens of the Atherine, from Mr. William D. Peck.

An Inkstand, made of a petrifaction taken from the Devil's Hole in Gibraltar, and twenty-six Silver Coins and one Copper Coin, from Major Joseph May.

Voted, That the Society accept Major May's donation upon the conditions annexed, — that of paying the weight in silver for six other coins.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to those gentlemen who have made donations.

The following letters were read: —

From Mr. Tyng, relating to his donation.

From Peleg Coffin, Esq., informing that he has not presented the Society's petition to Congress, but that the Secretary will supply any books or papers which may be wanted.

From Dr. Peters, accompanying his donation.

From Winthrop Sargent, Esq., accepting his election.

The meeting was then adjourned to Wednesday, eleventh day of June, to meet at the Room of the Society.

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ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, held, by adjournment, at the new room in the Tontine Crescent, on Wednesday, the eleventh day of June, 1794, —

The Committee, chosen in January to make additions to the Circular Letter, reported a new Circular Letter, which was read and accepted.

Voted, That the Circular Letter be printed in the Collections, and that five hundred additional copies be struck off for the use and at the expense of the Society.*

The following donations were received: —

For the Collections: † —

A Topographical Description of Machias, by John Cooper, Esq.

A Topographical Description of Topsham, by Rev. Jonathan Ellis.

An Additional Account of Middleborough, by Rev. Isaac Backus.

Copy of a letter from Granville Sharp to the late Dr. Franklin, on the subject of American Bishops. Communicated by Rev. Isaac Backus.

For the Library: —

A collection of Pamphlets and Manuscripts from the papers of the late Hon. John Erving, Esq., from Mr. John Erving, Jr.

The first volume of an American Geography, written in the German language, and printed at Hamburgh, from the author, Professor Ebeling.

A large and valuable collection of Official Papers during the American Revolution, made by the late Governor Trumbull, of Connecticut, and presented in the name of his heirs by his son, David Trumbull, Esq.

A collection of Pamphlets, and three Historical MSS., relative to the town of Marblehead, copied from the papers of the late Isaac Mansfield, Esq., from Rev. Isaac Mansfield.‡

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* A Circular Letter had been already twice issued by the Society; and one, newly written, was issued in June of this year (1794), in a pamphlet form, with the Act of Incorporation, &c., and entitled, "The Act of Incorporation, the Laws, and the Circular Letter of the Massachusetts Historical Society. With an Appendix," &c. The whole was prefixed to Vol. IV. of the Collections, published in the following year. — Eds.

† These several manuscript papers are printed in Vol. III. of the Collections. — Eds.

‡ See Vol. VIII. of the Collections, 54–78. — Eds.

Kennett's Roman Antiquities, and two volumes of Debates in the Convention of Virginia, 1788, from Mr. Job Wheelwright, Jr.

The Book of Psalms, and the whole New Testament, in Rich's Shorthand, from Rev. Isaac Story.

The History of the County of Worcester, from the author, Rev. Peter Whitney.

Several Pamphlets, from Mr. Abraham Adams.

Courier de Boston, from M. Rollin.

A number of Pamphlets, from Dudley A. Tyng, Esq.

Mather's Magnalia, from Samuel Sewall, Esq.

Rowley's Poems, from Mr. Thomas Pemberton.

Rutherford on Church Government, from Mr. Joseph Brown.

A collection of Pamphlets and a number of Newspapers, from Mr. Joseph Whitney.

Five valuable Historical Pamphlets, from Robert Breck, Esq.

Increase Mather's Sermons to the Present and Succeeding Generations, from Mr. John Allen.

Eleven bound Books and twenty-five Pamphlets, from Colonel Jabez Hatch.

Four bound Books and forty-eight Pamphlets, from Joseph Gardner, Esq.

The London Gazette for 1690, from Mr. Samuel Hewes.

A number of Books, Pamphlets, Papers, and Maps, from Mr. Samuel Turell.

For the Cabinet: —

A Flying Fish, a Vitriol Stone, an Ermine from New Hampshire, an Indian Canoe, a number of Coins, a Globe-fish from the island of St. Helena, and a Dolphin. From Rev. Dr. Belknap.

A Bow and Arrow, &c., from the north-west coast of America, from Captain Robert Gray.

An Indian Mortar and Pestle, Corallines from the island of Nicobar, Chinese Money Scales, and a number of Copper and Silver Coins. From Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq.

A Button, made of the lava of Mount Vesuvius, from George Richards Minot, Esq.

A Madagascar Bat, from Dr. Dexter.

A Centipede, from Mr. Samuel Sumner.

Letters read: —

From David Trumbull, Esq., offering the valuable papers of his father, and desiring that the Society would send some person to make a selection of those which may be proper for their use.*

Voted, That the offer be accepted, and that the Corresponding Secretary be requested to write a letter of thanks to David Trumbull, Esq., in the name of the Society, and inform him that a suitable person will be sent to Connecticut as soon as possible to make a selection.

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* David Trumbull's letter, dated Lebanon, 15th April, 1794, is printed in 4 Collections, II. 240. — EDS.

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Mrs. Hancock having made an offer to the Society of such books, pamphlets, and papers, the property of the late Governor Hancock, as the Society may think proper to select, —

Voted, That Dr. Thacher return the thanks of the Society to Mrs. Hancock for her generous offer, and that he be requested to make a selection for the use of the Society.

Voted, That Messrs. Pemberton, Eliot, and Webster be a committee to wait upon Mr. Crocker, and make a selection from his library of such books, pamphlets, and papers as he may be pleased to give the Society.

Nomination: Professor Ebeling, of Hamburgh, a Corresponding Member, by Rev. Dr. Belknap.

Voted, That a copy of the Historical Collections of the Society be sent to Professor Ebeling by the Corresponding Secretary.

The Committee appointed to revise and report Rules and Regulations to be established by the Society, reported a number of articles, which, after sundry alterations and amendments, were adopted, and are as follows: —

Laws and Regulations of the Massachusetts Historical Society, incorporated Feb. 19, 1794.

Article I. — Each member, at the time of his admission, shall pay eight dollars, and two dollars annually, to create a fund for the benefit of the institution. And any member shall be exempted from the annual payment of two dollars, provided he shall, at any time after six months from his admission, pay to the Treasurer thirty-four dollars, in addition to what he had before paid.

Art. II. — All elections shall be made by ballot. No member shall nominate more than one candidate at the same

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meeting; and all nominations shall be made at a meeting previous to that at which the ballot is to be taken.

ART. III. — There shall be four stated meetings of the Society in each year; namely, on the last Tuesdays of January, April, July, and October: and occasional meetings shall be convened on due notification by the President, or, in case of his absence, by one of the Secretaries, on the application of any two of the members.*

ART. IV. — There shall be annually chosen, at the meeting in April, a President, a Recording and [a] Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, a Cabinetkeeper, and a standing committee of three.

ART. V. — At the request of any two members present, any motion shall be deferred to another meeting for farther consideration before it is finally determined upon, and shall then be taken up.

ART. VI. — All accounts shall be kept in dollars and cents.

ART. VII. — Five members present shall be a quorum for all purposes, excepting those of making alterations in, or additions to, the Laws and Regulations of this Society, and the election of members.

ART. VIII. — No member shall be chosen unless there are nine members present at the election, and unless two-thirds of the members present vote for his admission.

ART. IX. — Members who are chosen in other States and countries shall not be required to make contribution with the members who are citizens of the Commonwealth.

Laws regulating the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE I. — The Standing Committee shall regulate all the common expenses of the Society, and make the necessary

* On July 26, 1796, this clause was amended, providing that the July quarterly meeting should be held on the day after Commencement. — EDS.

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provision of such small articles as may from time to time be wanted, and shall have power to draw on the Treasurer to defray the expense.

ART. II. — They shall aid the Librarian and Cabinet-keeper, when they shall require it, in the arrangement of the books, pamphlets, maps, and manuscripts, and in the disposition of curiosities and articles belonging to the cabinet, and especially attend to the preservation and binding of the books and pamphlets.

ART. III. — They shall frequently inspect the Records, and inquire whether all the orders of the Society are carried into effect with precision and promptitude.

ART. IV. — They shall inquire after and endeavor to obtain, on the best terms, for the benefit of the Society, manuscripts, books, and articles of curiosity.

ART. V. — They shall meet in the week previous to the stated quarterly meeting of the Society, and arrange and prepare such business as may be a subject for the Society's attention. The Recording Secretary shall notify the Standing Committee of the stated meetings.

Laws regulating the Library and Museum.

ARTICLE I. — All books which are presented to the Library shall be accepted with thanks, and also every curiosity for the Museum.

ART. II. — American coins and curiosities shall be kept by themselves, in the best part of the cabinet.

ART. III. — At every quarterly meeting a catalogue of the books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and maps shall be produced by the Librarian, and a catalogue of the curiosities by the Cabinet-keeper; and every member shall, in person, if present, and in writing, if absent, give an account of the books and manuscripts, or whatever article belonging to the Society, he may have in his possession.

ART. IV. — Once in every year, previous to the spring meeting, the Standing Committee shall inspect the Library and Museum, and report the state of every article at that meeting, and what books are particularly wanted.

ART. V. — There shall be two keys to the Society's room, one of which shall be kept by the Librarian, and the other by the Cabinet-keeper, to be by them delivered to no person except one of the members.

ART. VI. — Each member shall give receipts for the books which he shall take out of the Library, in a receipt-book to be provided for that purpose. He shall be under obligation to return each book within three months after receiving the same, and shall not have more than three books at a time, unless by special leave obtained by a vote of the Society. No manuscript shall be taken out of the Library but in the presence of the Librarian, a receipt and obligation being given to return it within the space of three months.

ART. VII. — The sixth article shall not prevent the Committee annually chosen to superintend the publications of the Society from taking out of the Library as many books and papers as they may want, they giving a receipt for the same, as provided in that article.

ART. VIII. — If books or manuscripts be requested for public uses, or for the peculiar benefit of persons whom the Society is disposed to oblige, the application shall be made to the Librarian, through the medium of some member, who shall be responsible in a written obligation for the return of each article borrowed, within such time as shall be stipulated by the Librarian, not exceeding three months, and shall be accountable for all loss and damage.

ART. IX. — Every book lost shall be replaced by the person who shall have lost the same, if it can be procured; and, if not, another equally valuable shall be accepted to supply the vacancy.

ART. X. — All pamphlets shall be bound, except dupli-

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cates, which shall be kept by themselves, and triplicates shall be exchanged.

ART. XI. — All manuscripts shall be distinctly marked and numbered, and kept in cases of paper, which shall also be numbered, and the contents of each registered.

ART. XII. — Every present received shall be recorded, and an account of it rendered at the next meeting of the Society.

ART. XIII. — A printed ticket shall be pasted on the inside of the cover of each book, signifying that it is the property of the Society; and also the name of the donor, if it be a present.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, on Tuesday, the twenty-ninth day of July, 1794, —

The following donations were received: —

For the Collections: * —

A Topographical Description of Raynham, with Biographical Anecdotes of the Family of Leonard, by Rev. Dr. Fobes.

A Topographical Description and Biographical Anecdotes respecting Sandwich and Mashpee, by Rev. Gideon Hawley.

For the Library: —

A second parcel of Pamphlets, &c., from John Erving, Esq.

Hennepin's Discoveries in America, and one volume of Oldmixon's British Empire in America, from Captain Benjamin Homans.

Miller's Synopsis of Fossils and Minerals, from Governor Wentworth, of Nova Scotia.

One printed Sermon and two MSS., from Rev. Isaac Mansfield.

A MS. Sermon, preached in the reign of George I., in which the wicked kings of Israel are compared to the British kings of the Stuart family, from Mr. Allen Crocker.

A MS. Journal of a Gentleman in Boston, from the year 1729 to the year 1749, from Mr. Joshua Green.

Lee's Contemplations on Mortality, and Pliny's Natural History, from Rev. John Clarke.

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* These two papers are printed in Vol. III. of the Collections. — EDS.

Several Pamphlets, from Nathaniel Appleton, Esq.
Several Pamphlets, from Colonel Gridley.
Several Newspapers, from Mr. James White.

For the Cabinet: —

A Silver Medal, struck at the Restoration of King Charles II., from Mr. Edward Davis.
A piece of Crystalline Spar, taken from Pope's Grotto at Twickenham, from Dr. Peters.
A Pod of Cocoa, from Mr. Jonas Welsh.
One Land Bank Bill, 1740, and two Province Bills of Massachusetts, 1737 and 1740, from Major Joseph May.

For the Society's Room: —

A large Writing Desk and Frame, from Mr. Francis Wright.
A Trunk, from Mr. Samuel Clap.

Letters read: —

From Nathaniel Appleton, Esq., Rev. Isaac Mansfield, Robert Breck, Esq., and Mr. Benjamin Homans, Jr., accompanying their donations.

From the Corresponding Secretary to David Trumbull, Esq., thanking him and family for their donation.*

From the Corresponding Secretary to William Wetmore, Esq., now in Connecticut, requesting him to make a selection from the late Governor Trumbull's library.

From Edmund Randolph, Secretary of State, promising to procure from the public archives any documents which the Society may want.

The Corresponding Secretary's answer, pointing out what papers are requested by the Society.

From Mr. Peck, informing that those parts of the Circular Letter attributed to him, except the method of taking impressions of vegetable leaves by means of smoke, were borrowed, and desiring that a note to that purpose may be inserted in the next number of the Collections.

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* Copies of this and the following letter, the former dated June 12, and the latter June 11, are preserved in the Letter-book of the Society. It seems not to have been convenient for Mr. Wetmore to comply with the request of the Society; for, on the 28th of the following April, Dr. Belknap was requested, by a vote of the Society, to go to Lebanon to select the papers. — EDS.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, on Tuesday, the twenty-eighth day of October, 1794, —

The following donations were received: —

For the Collections: * —

History of Indian Wars, in MS., by Rev. Samuel Niles, late of Braintree. Presented by Hon. Samuel Niles, of Lebanon.

A Letter from Rev. Gideon Hawley, of Mashpee, containing an account of his journey into the Indian country.

A Letter from Levi Whitman, containing topographical remarks on Cape Cod.

A Topographical Description of Hopkinton, by Dr. Jeremy Stimson.

A Topographical Description of Thomaston, by Dr. Samuel Jennison.

For the Library: —

General Dumourier's Memoirs, written by himself, from Mr. Thomas Peironnet, of Portland.

The Antiquities of Warwickshire, from Mr. Abner Rumrill.

Several Pamphlets, from Mr. John Tileston.

Penhallow's History of Indian Wars, and a number of other Books and Pamphlets, from Mr. John Popkin, Jr.

Sparrow's Collection of Articles, Canons, Orders, &c., from Edward VI. to King James; Robinson's Justification of Separation from the Church of England; Hooker and Cotton's Survey of the Sum of Church Discipline; Life of John Milton (anonymous); and Six Sermons by Dr. Lathrop. From Dr. Lathrop, of Boston.

Nine Pamphlets, from Deacon Benjamin Henderson.

Dr. Thacher's Sermon at the Ordination of his Son, from Deacon Nathaniel Hall.

Manlius, a political pamphlet, from Joseph Hall, Esq.

Another copy, from Mr. John Russell.

Laws of the State of North Carolina, printed 1773; a collection of Sermons preached before the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; a Volume of Sermons, by Rev. George Whitefield; The Grave (a poem by Blair), and Gray's Elegy in a Country Churchyard; Letters to the Earl of Hillsborough, by Bernard, Gage, &c.; Act of Parliament for granting Stamp Duties; Essay on the Constitutional Power of Britain over the Colonies in America, &c.; Letters from Governor Bernard to Earl of Shelburne; The Rights of Great Britain asserted against the Claims of

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* Niles's History was published in the Collections, in two parts; namely, in Vol. VI. of the third series, and Vol. V. of the fourth series. The four remaining manuscripts were published in Vol. IV. of the first series. — Eds.

America; Directions to the American Loyalists; Burr's Letter to the Dedicator of Emlyn's Inquiry respecting the Deity of Christ; Dr. Chauncy's Discourse on the Death of Dr. Mayhew; The Nature and True Use of Hadley's Quadrant; Letter from a Sea Officer of France to Admiral Keppel, French and English; and a Pocket Companion for Oxford. From Mr. George Deblois.

The Times, a newspaper, from the Editors.

Dr. Rippon's Baptist Annual Register, from Rev. Isaac Backus.

Five Pamphlets, from Mr. Gardiner Baker, of New York.

Several Election Sermons, from Mrs. Mary Phillips.

Swedenborg's Universal Theology. Vol. II. From Mr. William Hill.

A Sermon on the Independence of America, delivered at Harvard, July 4, 1794, by Rev. William Emerson. From the Author.

A Map of Plymouth Claim on Kennebeck River, from Messrs. Fleet.

The Revolution of France considered in respect to its progress and effects, and Effects of Slavery on Morals and Industry. Three copies, from the author, Noah Webster, Jr., Esq.

Dixon's Voyage Round the World, from Mr. Samuel Turell.

Extract from a Letter from a Gentleman in America to a Friend in England on the subject of Emigration, from James Freeman.

For the Cabinet: —

From the north-west coast of America: Three Indian Habits, a Model of a Canoe, a Sea Otter Skin, an Elk's Horn, two Water Baskets, three Caps, one Comb, a Stone Axe, a Lady's Work-bag and Thread, two Ornaments for the Lips, several Bracelets, Bows and Arrows, a Decoy Bird, several Harpoons, Lances and Buoys, a variety of Fish Hooks, samples of Cordage, Skin of the Glutton, Skin of the Silver Seal.

From the Sandwich Islands: Several Fishing Lines and Hooks, a Feather Dress, Feather Necklaces, a Stick to beat Cloth, a War Cap, several Spears, Bows, and Arrows, two Grass Carpets, a Tortoise-shell Spoon, a Drum, several Shells, samples of Cordage.

From the Ocean: The Skins and other parts of several Aquatic Birds, in good preservation.

All the above articles for the Cabinet are from Captain James Magee, collected by him in a late voyage round the world.

A Centipede and small Serpent, in spirits, from Pulo-Pinang, and the Bone of a Sting-ray, formed into the point of a war spear, from the Pelew Islands, from Mr. Stephen Hills.

Two Bills of Credit, issued by the Colony of Massachusetts, Aug. 18, 1775, from Mr. Joseph Clarke, of Northampton.

A specimen of Lead Ore from Worcester, from Mr. Bond.

An Indian Knife, for flaying the skins of animals, found at Killingly, Connecticut, from Samuel Danielson, Esq.

A Marble Knife, with a hardened edge, found at Smithfield, Rhode Island, from Peleg Arnold, Esq.

An Indian Axe, found at Amoskeag Falls, from Samuel Blodget, Esq.

A Guana and the Jaw and Backbone of a Shark, from Mr. Josiah Thompson.

Two natural Garnets, found in the district of Maine, from Mr. Thomas Peironnet.

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A Stone, with the figure of a cross on it, from Rev. Dr. Thacher.

A Mezzotinto of President Washington, by Savage, framed and glazed, from Hon. James Sullivan.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Captain James Magee for his valuable donation, by the Corresponding Secretary.

Thanks, as usual, voted to the other donors.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Colesworthy for the ingenious communication made by him, and that further communications be requested.*

Voted, That Dr. Thacher, Judge Minot, and Dr. Belknap be a committee to wait upon his Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, and request him to present to the Society the interleaved Almanacs of the late Rev. Thomas Prince, and any other papers in his possession relating to the history of New England.

Voted, That Messrs. Minot, Belknap, Freeman, and Eliot be a committee for superintending the publications of the Society for the year 1795.

Voted, That Judge Minot be added to the Committee for binding newspapers and the Collections.

Voted, That this Committee inform Mr. Belknap that, unless he immediately reprints the deficient numbers of the Collections, the Society shall think themselves under the necessity of employing another printer; and that the Committee be authorized to contract with a printer for that purpose.

Professor EBELING, of Hamburgh, chosen a Corresponding Member.

Nomination: Dr. John Coakley Lettsom, of London, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Webster.

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* See Vol. III. of the Collections, pp. 21-26. — EDS.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, on Saturday, the twentieth day of December, 1794, —

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary write a letter to the Society of Arts and Sciences at Calcutta, by the name of the Asiatic Society, whereof Sir William Jones is President, and send such American publications as the Society shall direct, and propose a friendly correspondence between the two societies, and request their publications.

Mr. Joseph Belknap appeared, and gave notice to the Society that he could not continue to execute the business of the Society beyond the present year, upon the terms of the contract now subsisting. Thereupon,

Voted, That Messrs. Freeman, Minot, and Eliot be a committee to contract for the printing business the ensuing year, and report to the Society at the meeting in January what measures they may have taken upon the subject.

Nomination: Sir William Jones, President of the Asiatic Society at Calcutta, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Winthrop.

Voted, That Mr. Winthrop be a committee to report a device for a seal for the use of the Society.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Dr. Mather's executors for the books deposited with the Society, and that the books be kept by themselves, and returned when demanded.

The following donations were received: —

For the Collections: —

An Account of an Uncommon Frost, May 17, 1794, by Rev. Nathaniel Thayer, of Lancaster.*

* Printed in Vol. IV. of the Collections, p. 44. — EDS.

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For the Library: —

Williams's History of Vermont, Whitney's History of Worcester, and Imlay and Filson's History of Kentucky. From Isaiah Thomas, Esq.

Aphorisms of Wisdom, Treatise of Influx, Doctrine of Life, Heavenly Doctrine of New Jerusalem, and Arcana Cœlestia, from Mr. William Hill.

Nomenclature of Chemistry, and Present State of Learning in the College of New York, from Dr. S. L. Mitchill.

Four numbers of the Occasional Paper, 1717; An Addition to the Present Melancholy Circumstances of the Province (Massachusetts), 1719; Letter to John Clark, bookseller, 1719; Arguments for Markets in Boston, 1719; Account of Land Bank Scheme and Silver Scheme in Massachusetts, 1744; Testimonies of the Pastors of the Churches in Massachusetts against several Errors in Doctrine and Practice, 1743; Bp. of Peterborough's Sermon before the Society for Propagating the Gospel, 1751; Plymouth Patent, and Extracts from the Records of that Colony, 1751; Defence of the Remarks of the Plymouth Company, in answer to the Proprietors of Brunswick, 1753; Harrington's Century Sermon, 1753; Mellen's Sermon on the Conquest of Canada, 1760; Mellen's Sermon at a General Muster, 1756; Joseph Emerson's Sermon to a number of Soldiers, 1758; Samuel Cooper's Sermon on the Death of George II., 1761; Davies's Sermon on the Death of George II., 1761; Abraham Williams's Election Sermon, 1762; Edward Barnard's Election Sermon, 1766; Ebenezer Bridge's Election Sermon, 1767; Daniel Shute's Election Sermon, 1768; William Gordon's Election Sermon, 1775; Joseph Sewall's Sermon on the Reduction of Havannah, 1762; Votes and Proceedings of Boston, Nov. 5 and 18, 1773; Abstract of a Treatise on Hemp, 1766; John Tucker to James Chandler, 1767; Governor Hutchinson's Speeches, with the answers of the Council and Representatives, 1773; History of the War in America (eighty pages), 1780; Journal of Congress, 1774; and Narrative of Excursions and Ravages of King's Troops, April 19, 1775. From Theophilus Wheeler, Esq.

The Worcester Newspaper, for 1794, from the Printers.

A Map of Pennsylvania, from Mr. Reading Howell, the author.

For the Cabinet: —

A Glass Case, containing specimens of Minerals and Fossils, from Derbyshire, England, from Mr. William Hill.

Specimens of the Pearl Mussel, found in New Jersey, from Mr. Gardiner Baker.

A Chinese Balance, a Chinese Lady's small Slipper, and a Malayan Dagger, from Mr. Thomas H. Perkins.

The Skin of a Fisher, in good preservation, with the distinguishing characters, from Mr. Russell Sturgis.

A Paddle from Nootka, a Weapon used by the natives in killing deer, specimens of White and Green Earth from north-west coast, an Ava Bowl from Sandwich Islands, and a pair of Boots from Kamtchatka, from Mr Stephen Hills.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1795.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of January, 1795, —

Voted, That the vote passed at the last meeting respecting the letter to Sir William Jones be so far reconsidered as that the President of this Society write the said letter.

Voted, That the President, the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries be a committee to determine what books shall be sent to Sir William Jones.

Mr. WINTHROP reported the device of a seal for the use of the Society.

Voted, That the subject be referred to the next meeting of the Society; and that, in the mean time, each member turn his attention to it.*

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to contract for the printing business the present year, reported that they had made a contract with Mr. Samuel Hall to print four hundred and fifty copies at five pence a sheet and a half, for three months, at the sole risk and expense of the Society.

Voted, That this report be accepted.

Voted, That the same Committee be authorized to contract for printing the Collections for the three months succeeding the term of the present contract.

Voted, That the Collections, till further order, be published only once a quarter, and that the subscribers be informed of it by proper advertisements in the newspapers.†

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* The subject of Mr. Winthrop's report seems not to have been acted upon at the next meeting, and it is not stated what his device was. See p. 484. — EDS.

† Vols. IV. and V. of the Collections, for 1795 and 1796, were issued in quarterly parts or numbers. The first three volumes, up to this time, had been issued in monthly parts, if we except the first two hundred and eight pages of the first volume, which came out in the "Apollo," a weekly publication, — from four to eight pages having been stitched into each number. — EDS.

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Voted, That a thousand copies of the Circular Letter of the Society be reprinted; and that Messrs. Freeman, Minot, and Eliot be a committee to contract with Mr. Joseph Belknap for that purpose.

Voted, That the President, the Treasurer, and the Librarian be a committee to petition the General Court, during the present session, if they shall think it expedient, for a grant of wild lands.

Voted, That this Committee apply to the General Court for the exclusive power of compiling a map, for the benefit of the Society, from the returns which may be made of plans of towns in this State, ordered by the Legislature.

Voted, That during the present session of the General Court the room of the Society will be opened on Saturday, for the admission of those members who may be disposed to visit it, from ten o'clock A.M. to five o'clock P.M., and that the President of the Society communicate this vote to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN COAKLEY LETTSOM, M.D., and Sir WILLIAM JONES were chosen Corresponding Members.

The following donations were received: —

For the Collections: —

A Description of Marlborough, by Rev. Asa Packard.*

An Account of the Oneida and other Indians in their vicinity, by Rev. John T. Kirkland.*

A Bill of Mortality for Edgartown, 1794, by Rev. Joseph Thaxter.

A Bill of Mortality for Rochester, from 1776 to 1794, by Rev. Joseph Haven.

Observations on the Weather of the year 1794, by Ebenezer Byles, Esq.

An Account and Drawings of Indian Utensils, found in opening a grave at Cincinnati, near Fort Washington, by Winthrop Sargent, Esq.

For the Library: —

Williams's Observations on the Discovery of America by Prince Madoc, from Christopher Gore, Esq.

An interleaved Almanack of the year 1679, with MS. notes by Rev. Thomas Shepard, of Charlestown, from Mr. Isaac Davis.

A volume of Sermons, from the author, Rev. Dr. Fiske.

Fox's Acts and Monuments, from Mr. Moses Black.

Mr. Eliot's Thanksgiving Sermon, 1794, from Deacon John Simkins.

Account of the Persecutions of the Protestants in France under Louis XIV., from Mr. Charles Anger, of Bridgewater.

A number of Newspapers, two Maps, and a Trunk containing a useful collection of Books and Pamphlets, from Mr. John Dolbeare.

* Published in Vol. IV. of the Collections. — EDS.

The Independent Chronicle, for 1794, from Messrs. Adams and Larkin.
The Columbian Centinel, for 1794, from Captain Benjamin Russell.
The Boston Gazette, for 1794, from Mr. Benjamin Edes.
The Gazette of the United States, for 1794, from Mr. John Fenno.
A Plan of that part of London called Ratcliffe, describing the great fire of July last, from Mr. John W. Folsom.

For the Cabinet: —

Specimens of Petrifactions found at Brookline, from John Lucas, Esq.
An Indian Bow and Arrow, and a Basket, of curious workmanship, from Mr. John Dolbeare.
The Horns of a large Buck, and those of a small Buck, from Mr. Timothy Green.
Four young Sharks.
The first Ball fired at Lexington on the 19th of April, 1775, from Mr. John Soren.
An elegant Mezzotinto Print of Dr. Franklin, handsomely framed and glazed, from Mr. Thomas K. Jones.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1795.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, on Tuesday, the twenty-eighth day of April, 1795, * —

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers: —

JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM TUDOR	"	TREASURER.
JEREMY BELKNAP	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOHN ELIOT	"	LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL TURELL	"	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES WINTHROP, PETER THACHER, REDFORD WEBSTER	were chosen . .	STANDING COMMITTEE.

* The elegant round hand of Mr. Wallcut, the former Secretary, seems to have been employed in making the greater part of the record of this meeting, as well as that of July 30 and August 17. — EDS.

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Voted, That Dr. Belknap be requested to take a journey to Lebanon for the purpose of inspecting the papers of the late Governor Trumbull, and that the Society engage to bear one half the expense of the journey.

Judge MINOT and Dr. WEBSTER were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Voted, That Messrs. Eliot, Freeman, and Minot contract with Mr. Samuel Hall to print the Collections of the Society for the remainder of the year upon such terms as they can agree.

Donations, for the Collections: —

A number of valuable Manuscripts, from Mr. John Dolbeare.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to determine what books should be sent to Sir William Jones, reported that they had sent the following books: —

Belknap's History of New Hampshire. Three volumes.
Belknap's Century Sermon.
Morse's Geography.
Williams's History of Vermont.
Collections of the Historical Society. Three volumes.
Minot's History of the Insurrection in Massachusetts.
Smith's History of New York.
Belknap's American Biography. Vol. I.
Winthrop's Journal.
Wood's New England Prospect.*

The following donations were received at this meeting: —

For the Library: —

From Mr. Thomas Hall, a Sermon by Mr. Alden, at Yarmouth, and a Sermon by Mr. Mellen, of Barnstable.

From James Winthrop, Esq., A Systematic Arrangement of the several Scripture Prophecies relating to Antichrist. Two copies.

From Dr. Thacher, A Letter from some Aged Nonconforming Ministers to their Christian Friends, touching the reasons of their practice. 1701.

From Dr. Belknap, six copies of his Century Sermon.

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* This edition of Wood was probably that published by T. & J. Fleet, in Boston, in 1764. See Proceedings for November, 1862, for notice of this edition. — EDS.

For the Cabinet: —

From Mr. Samuel Welles Hunt, part of a Ship which sailed from Boston to the East Indies.

From Mr. William Coolidge, specimens of Sulphureous Pyrites.

From Mr. John Furnass, an impression on leather of the Seal of Dartmouth College, and a Reindeer's Horn.

From Mr. Samuel Turell, Stalk of Carob Locust, from Surinam.

From Mr. John Tilden, Jr., a Bean Pod, from Surinam.

From Mrs. Hancock, a Fungus and a piece of Petrified Clay.

From Mr. Elisha Sigourney, a Fur Seal, from Falkland Islands.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, July 30, 1795, —

A report of the Standing Committee was read, stating that they had examined the Library, &c., viz.: —

The Standing Committee of the Historical Society beg leave to report, that they have examined the state of the Library and Museum, and found it as good as usual. Additions have been made to both since the last meeting, an account of which the Secretary will lay before you. They are sorry to say that the finances of the Society appear to be in a disordered state, and they recommend to the Society to appoint a special committee, who may examine into their state, and report to the Society what sums are due from the members on assessment, and what methods it may be proper for the Society to take to relieve themselves from their present embarrassment.

All which is submitted.

By order, PETER THACHER.

July 28, 1795.

Messrs. MINOT, WEBSTER, and ELIOT were appointed a committee to settle the Treasurer's accounts; and,

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with him, to report the state of the debts due to and from the Society, at the adjournment.

Dr. BELKNAP informed the Society that he had been to Lebanon, in Connecticut, and examined the books and papers of the late Governor Trumbull, a general list of which he read, adding that they would be sent forward by the packet in August. He also exhibited his account of expenses, amounting to seventeen dollars and nineteen cents, one half of which is to be paid by the Society.*

The following gentlemen were then nominated to be Corresponding Members: Phineas Miller, of Savannah, in Georgia, by Dr. Belknap; Dr. Hugh Williamson, of Edenton, North Carolina, by Judge Sullivan; Rev.

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* The following entries occur in Dr. Belknap's interleaved Almanac for 1795:—

"July 7. I set out in the mail-stage for Providence, Norwich, and Lebanon, to visit the family of the late Governor Trumbull, and select papers for the Historical Society.

"9th. Got to Lebanon. Staid there till 13th; then set out for home; and arrived safe, 15th, at five o'clock P.M.

"Dec. 12. Arrived at my house the chests and boxes of papers from Governor Trumbull's, at Lebanon. They were sent from Norwich, carted across Cape Cod, and thence brought up to Boston in a vessel from Barnstable."

These papers are in the Library of the Society, arranged in volumes, and lettered "Trumbull."

Among the papers procured at this time was a volume of letters of William Samuel Johnson, LL.D., written to Governors Pitkin and Trumbull, of Connecticut, during his residence in England. Dr. Belknap found the letters so full of interest, in an historical point of view, that he wished to print them in the Historical Society's Collections; and he wrote to Dr. Johnson, then President of Columbia College, New York, asking his consent to do so, which was declined by the writer with some feeling. He felt that their publication would be an unwarrantable use of a private correspondence, and might do him great injustice. Perhaps he feared that, in a great mass of private letters, some expressions might be found that would be misinterpreted if brought before the public eye. Dr. Belknap thought that the letters reflected only credit on their author; yet he did not propose to print them without his consent, and they were not printed. A Life of Johnson has recently been published by our Corresponding Member, the Rev. E. E. Beardsley, D.D. — EDS.

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David McClure, of East Windsor, Connecticut, by Dr. Thacher; James Clarke, Esq., of Halifax, Nova Scotia, by Judge Minot; Mr. St. George Tucker, of Williamsburgh, Virginia, by Dr. Dexter; Mr. Gardiner Baker, of New York, by Mr. Freeman.

Messrs. Belknap, Eliot, Minot, and Freeman were appointed a committee to investigate and report measures to increase the means of the Society to publish their Collections.

The following donations were received at this meeting: —

Laws of Virginia, from Shubael Bell.
The Assembly's Catechism, in the Moheakunnuk language, from Dr. Thacher.
A Map of England, Map of Jamaica, and View of Yale College. From Mr. Pemberton.

Adjourned to Monday, 17th August, at eleven o'clock in the morning.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, 17th August, 1795, —

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts report a state of debts due to and from the Society, viz.: * —

The following gentlemen being nominated at the last meeting, were now balloted for, and it appeared that Phineas Miller, of Savannah, Georgia; Hugh Williamson, of Edenton, North Carolina; David McClure, of East Windsor, Connecticut; James Clarke, Esq.

* A blank was here left by the Secretary, and it was never filled up. — Eds.

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(Sheriff), of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia; St. George Tucker, of Williamsburgh, Virginia; and Gardiner Baker, of New York, were severally elected Corresponding Members.

Voted, That a letter to the Rev. Jedediah Morse, presented to the Society by St. George Tucker, be sent to Mr. Ebeling, of Hamburgh, and that Dr. Belknap request Mr. Professor Tucker to send another copy to the Society.

The following donations were received at this meeting: —

For the Collections: —

An Account of the Church at Plymouth, written by the late John Cotton, Esq. From Captain William Davis.*

For the Library: —

Pelham's Maps of Ireland, from Miss Mercy Scollay.

Evening Post, for 1776, from Mr. William Lee.

A volume containing sixteen Thanksgiving Sermons in 1795, from Mr. Samuel Hall.

Dr. Deane's Thanksgiving Sermon in 1795, from Samuel Freeman, Esq.

Mr. Kirkland's Artillery Election Sermon, 1795. From the author.

Laws of South Carolina in 1794, from the Assembly of South Carolina.

Sir Thomas More's Utopia, from Rev. Thomas Prentiss.

A file of Manuscript Papers on various subjects, by the late Edmund Quincy, Esq. From William Donnison, Esq.

Academical Exercises in the College of New York, from Dr. R. Mitchel.

A Pamphlet relative to Williamsburgh, Virginia, from St. George Tucker, Esq.

The second volume of American Geography, in German; Maps of Germany, Flanders, and Holland (eighteen sheets), and a Plan of the City of Hamburgh. From Professor Ebeling.

Columbian Grammar, from the author, Mr. Benjamin Dearborn.

Four Manuscripts and a parcel of ancient New England Almanacs, from Mr. Ezekiel Russell.

For the Cabinet: —

A French Assignat, from Captain William Davis.

Several Indian Tools and Ornaments, from Mr. Samuel Davis.

An Indian Stone Axe and Pestle, found at Newtown, from Mr. William Hoogs.

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* This account of the Church at Plymouth was printed in Vol. IV. of the Collections. It had already been published, in 1760, in Boston, as an appendix to the sermon of Philemon Robbins, preached at the ordination of his son, at Plymouth, in that year. — Eds.

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An Indian Stone Image, found at Plymouth; the Sword of John Carver, first Governor of Plymouth; and the Tail of a Thresher, taken on Nantucket Shoals. From Mr. Ichabod Shaw.*

A curious Indian Pipe and a Hessian Pipe, from David Trumbull, Esq.

Several Serpents, in spirits, from Guiana, and an Indian Instrument of Conjuration. From Captain Benjamin Wheelwright.

Two Stone Gouges and a Paring Knife of stone, found near Amoskeag Falls, in New Hampshire. From Samuel Blodget, Esq., and Samuel P. Kidder.

The Rhinoceros Beetle, from Santa Cruz, from Mr. Thomas Hill.

Three views of the ship "Columbia," in different positions, on the northwest coast of America, from Mr. Joseph Russell, town treasurer.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 27, 1795, —

The following donations were received: —

For the Library: —

A volume of the Centinel, from Mr. Eben. Larkin.

A file of the New Hampshire Spy, from Mr. Thomas Hall.

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* The following letter from Ichabod Shaw to Dr. Belknap, accompanying the sword of Governor Carver, and dated "Plymouth, August 21, 1795," is on file. Some clerical errors in the letter have been corrected: —

"Sir, — Permit me to send you a line, which will accompany the sword of Governor Carver, which I humbly present to the Historical Society. I have put the sword much in the same order that it was twenty years [since], when it first came into my hands, excepting some visible marks on the hilt which it suffered by being burned, the circumstance of which I have heretofore informed you. . . . Also inform you I have endeavored to collect what ancient articles for the Society that my poor judgment might think acceptable, and have found more than I expected in so short time's searching. Shall at this time note a few of them: The sword of Captain Miles Standish, the gun that killed King Philip, the gun that killed an Indian one mile distant, — and shall continue to make diligent inquiry after more. Some of the articles will be presented in a short time by the particular persons who hold them, mostly descendants of the first settlers of Plymouth. I gratefully accept your kind invitation to view your collection. Shall take the pleasure, if possible, to wait on you some time in the fall of this year. Am, with the greatest respect, your very humble servant,

"Ichabod Shaw."

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Five volumes, bound, of the Boston Gazette; Letters to the Earl of Hillsborough from Bernard, Gage, &c.; and An Account of the Constitution and Government of Harvard College. From Mr. William Davis.

A Blank Book for the Journals, from Mr. William Alline.

Mr. Fiske's Thanksgiving Sermon, 19 Feb., 1795, from Mr. James Cutler, printer.

Bishop Overall's Convocation Book, Willet's Commentary on Daniel, and Elton's Art Military. From Mrs. Mary Thomson.

Lendrum's History of the American Revolution, from the author.

Dr. Mitchill's pamphlet on Contagion, from Mr. Gardiner Baker.

Mr. Bradford's Sermon at Hallowell Academy, from the author.

Statement of the McClary Cause, from Captain Thomas Martin.

Humphreys's Poem on Industry, from Mr. Simeon Skillin.

A Dissertation on the Lockjaw, by Frederick May. From the author.

Mr. West's Artillery Election Sermon, from the author.

A Pretty Story, by Peter Grievous, Esq. From George R. Minot, Esq.

For the Cabinet: —

A pair of elegant Indian Moccasins, from Canada, from Mr. Thomas Hill.

A Cap or Helmet, ornamented with feathers, a specimen of very fine Cotton, an ornamental Collar, an Ornament for the Forehead, a War Club, a Paddle, and several Arrows, all from the Marquesas Islands; and a Mandarin's Tobacco Pouch, richly ornamented, from China. From Captain Josiah Roberts.

Four Prints of Indian Kings, framed; a View of the ancient Halls of Harvard, Stoughton, and Massachusetts; and a View of Yale College. From Colonel William Scollay.

A Print of four Bills of Paper Money, in a frame, from Mrs. Margaret Winslow.

A collection of European Botanical Preparations, in twenty-two portfolios, each containing an hundred plants in blossom and in good preservation. From Mr. Thomas H. Perkins.

Several Indian Stone Instruments, found at Duxbury, from Mr. Perez Bradford.

Several Indian Stone Instruments, found at Thomastown, from Mr. Henry Simson, Jr.

Several Maps of Poland and Italy, from Professor Ebeling.

Two ancient British Coins, from Mrs. Abigail Howard.

There being no more than five members present,* it was

Voted, That this meeting be dissolved, and that the President be requested to call a special meeting at some convenient time in the month of November.

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* Five members was a quorum for only the ordinary business of the Society. — Eds.

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SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of November, 1795, —

The following letters were read: —

From Dr. Lettsom, giving notice that he had sent a few sheets of his Traveller's Companion.

From Joseph Russell, accompanying his donation of three port views of the ship "Columbia," on the north-west coast of America.

From Gardiner Baker, accepting his election, and containing an account of the New York fever.*

From James Clarke, accepting his election.

From John Boies, accompanying his donation of a specimen of potato paper.†

Voted, That Judge Minot and Dr. Webster be a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and report a state of them at the quarterly meeting in January.

Voted, That the Publishing Committee for the year 1795 be a committee to draw up a subscription paper for reprinting the first four volumes, and for printing the future numbers of the Collections; to prepare an address to the public, to be published in the newspapers; and to take such measures as may be necessary to accomplish these purposes.

Voted, That Messrs. Thacher, Webster, Pemberton, and Wallcut be a committee for superintending the publications of the Society for the year 1796.

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* Mr. Gardiner Baker's letter was dated "Museum, New York, Sept. 28, 1795." While acknowledging the honor done him by the Society, he speaks of the distressing malady then afflicting the city of New York, — the yellow fever. He says that the city is largely deserted, yet provisions are scarce and high; "the situation really distressing." — Eds.

† Mr. Boies's letter to the Corresponding Secretary is dated "Waltham, Oct. 27, 1795." He says: "Permit me to present the Historical Society with a sheet of paper made in my paper mill of potato haum, or, as we commonly express it, vines, — the first attempt of the kind, I imagine, of making paper from vegetable substance in this Commonwealth. Its want of firmness and strength does not at present promise much utility; but, perhaps, further experience from this or other substances not now in use may transpire." — Eds.

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Nominations: Rev. John Thornton Kirkland, a Resident Member, by Dr. Belknap; Rev. Dr. Morse, a Resident Member, by Dr. Thacher; Rev. John Clarke, a Resident Member, by Mr. Freeman.

The following donations were received: —

For the Collections: —

An Extract from the Log-books and Journals of the ship "Margaret," by Captain James Magee.

An Extract from the Log-books and Journals of the ship "Jefferson," by Captain Josiah Roberts.

An Extract from a Private Journal on board the "Jefferson," by Mr. Bernard Magee.*

For the Library: —

Rev. Mr. Mellen's Thanksgiving Sermon, from Nathaniel Freeman, Jr., Esq.

The Beauties of Taste, from Mr. David West.

Meteorological Observations at Halifax, 1795, from Mr. Peters.

Eight volumes of mixed Tracts, from Mr. John Tilestone.

For the Cabinet: —

A Petrified Substance, from a cavern at Chester, New Hampshire, from Mr. Job Wheelwright, Jr.

Model of an Indian House, with its utensils, from Guiana, from Mr. Gardiner Green.

A specimen of Paper, made of potato tops, from Mr. John Boies.

An Indian Pestle, with a carved head, found at Deer Island, in Merrimack River, from Mr. Allen Crocker.

A Bird of Paradise, from Batavia; a Crocodile and nondescript Quadruped, from Ceylon; a Silver Pen and Case, from India; a Gentoo Letter; a bundle of Palm Leaves, showing the manner of keeping accounts in India; a Bow and Arrows, from Bengal; a Petrified Substance, from the island of St. Helena; a Hooka, or Smoking Machine, of India; a Gentoo Slipper; a Horned Snake, from the Asps of Bengal; a Remora, from the Indian Ocean; a Firearm, from Ceylon, curiously wrought with gold and silver; a Sandwich Island Cup; two branches of Coral, from the Isle of France; a piece of Vitrified Rock, from the Isle of Ascension; a box of Insects, from the Cape of Good Hope; an Antelope's Horn; a Crystallization, from a salt-pit in Liverpool; a collection of Marine Shells, among which are the Hummer, the Bullock's Heart, and the Razor; a Petrified Snake Skin; a branch of the Cinnamon Tree; a Hog Fish; and an Indian Fan. From Mr. Thomas Hewes.

Several Silver and Copper Coins of India, a Chinese Lady's Shoe, and a branch of Coral. From Captain William R. Miller.

A Glass Ship, from Mr. John Peck.

Two Grasshoppers, from the West Indies, from Mr. Edward Renouf.

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* These several extracts from the log-books, &c., of the ships "Margaret" and "Jefferson" were printed in Vol. IV. of the Collections. — Eds.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, on Wednesday, the twenty-third day of December, 1795, —

The following written application from WILLIAM DANDRIDGE PECK was read: —

"*To the Hon.* JAMES SULLIVAN, *Esq., President,*
and to the other Members of the Historical Society.

"GENTLEMEN, — Mr. Peck congratulates the Society on the receipt of a collection of plants, presented to the Society by Mr. Thomas H. Perkins, and begs leave to represent to them the measures necessary to be pursued for their preservation.

"No argument is necessary to show that the credit of the Society requires them to preserve these plants, or to evince that it will be dishonorable to suffer them to be destroyed.

"The chief source of their destruction, provided they are kept dry, will be the devastation of insects. The smallest insect which feeds entirely on dried plants is the wood-louse, whose minuteness enables it to enter any repository which is not closed with great accuracy.

"These insects bring certain destruction, though more slowly than many others, by which, however, they are frequently assisted.

"Mr. Peck would also represent that if the plants remain in their present situation till the spring, destructive insects will get footing among them; and, further, that from the state of the two cartoons which he has seen he apprehends that they are much out of order.

"It will be necessary, in the first place, to have several

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boxes constructed by a cabinet-maker, which shall be perfectly tight; and, when deposited in these, it will be necessary to keep them always impregnated with camphor, distributed in small pieces through the boxes. As the camphor evaporates, it must be replaced; and Mr. Peck believes he does not exceed the truth in calculating that two pounds of camphor per annum is as little as will answer the purpose.

"He solicits the Society to lend him these plants, and engages to put them in order and in a state of preservation, in the manner above suggested. He will make out a correct catalogue, containing every plant, and forward it to the Corresponding Secretary, to be placed in the Historical Chamber; and if, before the plants are returned, any inquirer shall wish for information, or to acquire the knowledge of any individual in the catalogue, he will, on application by letter, forward such a drawing of the plant as shall enable the inquirer to recognize it wherever he shall find it in the field, and will be at the expense of the postage. He would observe that the professed object of the donor is public utility, and that this object may be in some measure attained by assisting Mr. Peck in investigating the plants of our own country. He confesses he is young in botanic science. An accurate attention to these plants may give him some experience; and it is in the power of the Society, of which he has the honor to be a member, to lend him a helping hand in detecting the vegetable riches of New England."

Thereupon,

Voted, That the plants applied for by Mr. Peck be delivered to him by the Corresponding Secretary, he giving a receipt for the same, for him to keep for the space of one year, for the purposes and on the terms mentioned in his application.

Voted, That the Publishing Committee be authorized to contract for the printing of the Collections, quarterly, annually, or otherwise, as shall appear to them to be most for the interest of the Society.

A letter from Dr. Benjamin Smith Barton, of Philadelphia, was read; and, thereupon,

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary transmit to Dr. Barton a set of the Collections of the Society, and continue the same as they may be hereafter published.

Nomination: Dr. Benjamin Smith Barton, of Philadelphia, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Peck.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1796.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 26th January, 1796, —

Rev. JOHN THORNTON KIRKLAND, Rev. JEDEDIAH MORSE, D.D., and Rev. JOHN CLARKE, D.D., were chosen Resident Members. Dr. BENJAMIN SMITH BARTON, a Corresponding Member.

Nomination: Rev. William Bentley, of Salem, a Resident Member, by Mr. Winthrop.

Mr. Pemberton, at his request, was excused from the Committee of Publications for the year 1796.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, March 25, 1796, —

The Committee appointed in January, 1795, to apply

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to the General Court for the exclusive power of compiling a map of the State reported that, in consequence of their application, the Legislature had passed the following Resolve: —

"*Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

"In Senate, Feb. 25, 1796.

"On the memorial of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and in order speedily to procure a map of this Commonwealth, —

"*Resolved*, That the plans and materials for the map of this Commonwealth returned, or which shall be returned, to the Secretary's office, or which shall otherwise be procured, pursuant to a Resolve of the 26th of June, 1794, shall be, at that office, or such convenient place as the Secretary shall appoint, submitted to the perusal and examination of the Members of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and of any person or persons who shall be employed by them. And the said Society shall have liberty to make or procure from the said plans and materials a map of this Commonwealth entire; provided, that the map which shall be taken by means of such access to the said plans and materials shall be deposited in the Secretary's office, and, as soon as may be, submitted to the Legislature of the Commonwealth for their approbation.

"*Resolved*, That if the map which shall be copied and constructed under the care of the Historical Society, as aforesaid, shall be approved by the said Legislature, the said plans and materials shall be delivered over to the said Society, and the whole right of the publication thereof, and any map or maps which shall be made therefrom, shall be, and hereby is, granted and vested to and in the said Historical Society for and during the term of fourteen years; the profits of such publication, if any shall accrue, to be applied to promote the purposes of their institution.

"*Provided*, That the said Society will undertake such publication at their own risk and expense; and, provided, that the said original plans and materials shall be preserved in the public room of the said Society, and shall be subject to the examination of the Supreme Executive and of the Legislature, when it shall be required; and, provided, that

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the said Society shall cause the map which shall be approved, as aforesaid, to be accurately and elegantly engraven at their own expense, and shall deliver five hundred impressions thereof into the Secretary's office, for the use and order of the Legislature.

"Concurred in by the House of Representatives, and approved by the Governor, February 26."

Thereupon,

Voted, That the President, Dr. Belknap, Dr. Morse, Mr. Harris, Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Freeman, and Judge Minot be a committee to take into consideration the said Resolve.

Voted, That Dr. Belknap be excused from serving on the Committee who were appointed to consider the mode of publishing the Collections.

Dr. CLARKE was appointed in his room.

Voted, That this Committee meet, and make report to the Society at their quarterly meeting.

Rev. WILLIAM BENTLEY, of Salem, was chosen a Resident Member.

Nomination: Dr. William Spooner, of Boston, a Resident Member, by Mr. Winthrop.*

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1796.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of April, 1796, —

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers: —

* At this meeting, Mr. James Perkins, previously elected a Corresponding Member, was adopted as a Resident Member. See p. 346. — EDS.

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JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
GEORGE R. MINOT	"	TREASURER.
JEREMY BELKNAP	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOHN ELIOT	"	LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL TURELL	"	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES WINTHROP, PETER THACHER, REDFORD WEBSTER	were chosen . .	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Dr. WILLIAM SPOONER was chosen a Resident Member.

The following letters were read: —

From John Davis, Esq., requesting that a set of the Collections may be sent to Mr. Wolcott, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

Voted, accordingly, that the Corresponding Secretary transmit to Mr. Wolcott the four volumes of the Collections.

From Joseph Peters, respecting Halifax newspapers, and accompanying meteorological observations.

From James Clarke, accompanying an Indian stone arrow-head. Presented by Titus Smith.

From Titus Smith to James Clarke, on the production of glauber salt, sea salt, and alum, at New Haven, in Connecticut; on a ridge of rocks westward of West Haven, consisting of limestone and asbestos; on the melinum in Nova Scotia; and on the above-mentioned Indian arrow-head, found in the same province.

From Mrs. M. Blodget, accompanying the pen which signed the act of Confederation, and a thigh-bone from a burying-ground on James River, Virginia, now covered with water.

From Phineas Miller, of Georgia, accepting his election as Corresponding Member, and respecting the black and green seed cotton, accompanied by specimens.

Voted, That Mr. Hawley, of Marshpee, be allowed to take copies of the letter of Nathaniel Freeman, Esq., of Barnstable, to the Recording Secretary, and of the papers accompanying it.

Mr. Hall presented his account for printing the fourth volume of the Collections.

Voted, That it be committed to Dr. Morse and Mr. Freeman.

The Committee appointed to consider the mode of publishing the Collections of the Society reported that

it is not expedient to continue the publication at present.

The report was accepted.

Messrs. TURELL and KIRKLAND were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

The following donations were received: —

For the Collections: —

Observations respecting the Geography and Natural History of Virginia, by St. George Tucker, Esq.

Observations on the country about New Haven, by Mr. Titus Smith.

For the Library: —

The Columbian Centinel, for 1795, from Captain Benjamin Russell.

The Courier, from Messrs. Sweetser and Burdick.

The Independent Chronicle, for 1795, from Messrs. Adams and Larkin.

The Boston Gazette, for 1795, from Mr. Benjamin Edes.

A Poem commemorative of Goffe, Whalley, and Dixwell, from Mr. Samuel Hall. Two copies.

Hogan's State Trials, from Dr. Barton, of Philadelphia.

The Baptist Annual Register, published by Dr. Rippon. Nos. 9 and 10. From Rev. Isaac Backus.

Debates of the Massachusetts Convention, 1788; Swan's National Arithmetic; Symmes's, West's, and Bridge's Election Sermons. From Mr. James Milne.

The Massachusetts Mercury, for 1795; Proceedings of John A. Graham, Esq., agent of the Episcopal Church of Vermont, at the Court of London; Harper's Address to his Constituents; Fobes's Election Sermon; and Strong's Thanksgiving Sermon. From Messrs. Young and Minns.

Dr. Dana's Funeral Sermon on the late President Stiles, from Rev. David McClure.

Meteorological Observations made at Halifax, Nova Scotia, from Joseph Peters, Esq., of Halifax.

Journal of the General Court of Massachusetts, 1775 and 1776, from Master Henry Foster.

Bishop Madison's Thanksgiving Sermon, Feb. 19, 1795, from the author.

Several Pamphlets, containing cases in law, orations, and sermons, from St. George Tucker, Esq., of Virginia.

For the Cabinet: —

Specimens of Sugar Cane, transplanted from Otaheite to Martinico, very large and rich. From Mr. William Walter, Jr.

An Indian Weapon, found in Nova Scotia, from Mr. Titus Smith.

The identical Pen with which Congress subscribed the Act of Confederation in 1778, and a Human Thigh-bone, found in a state of submersion in Virginia. From Mrs. Blodget, of Virginia.*

* This pen is preserved in the Cabinet of the Society. — EDS.

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SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, June 6, 1796, —

The Committee chosen at the special meeting in March to take the Resolve of the General Court into consideration made a report, which, after being amended, was accepted.*

Voted, That the President, Judge Minot, and Dr. Clarke be a committee to present a memorial to the General Court, conformable to this report.

Nominations: Josiah Quincy, Esq., a Resident Member, by Mr. Freeman; William Blount, Esq., Governor of Tennessee, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Morse.

The following donations were received: —

For the Library: —

Ogilby's Description of America, from Judge Cranch.
History of Cape Breton and St. John's.
Review of Military Operations in North America, from 1753 to 1756, from Dr. Lothrop, of Plymouth.
Several ancient Manuscripts, from Isaac Lothrop, Esq., of Plymouth.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, July 26, 1796, —

Voted, That the July quarterly meeting of the Society for the future be on the day succeeding Commencement.

Voted, That the Librarian be desired to take the copies of the Col-

* See this Report in the Appendix, No. I., to this volume. — Eds.

lections now in the hands of Mr. Hall, and arrange them in the Library, or otherwise dispose of them as he shall judge best.

Voted, That the Cabinet-Keeper, Mr. Pemberton, and Dr. Spooner be a committee to take an account of the articles in the Cabinet and Museum.

Voted, That the President, Agent of the United States for settling the boundary line at St. Croix, have the liberty of taking any books from the Library relative to that business, he giving a receipt to the Librarian for the same.

Voted, That the Librarian and Judge Minot be a committee to take a list of the manuscripts presented by Mr. Trumbull, and other manuscripts which are on the files.

Voted, That Dr. Thacher, appointed on the eleventh day of June, 1794, a committee to wait on Mrs. Hancock for the purpose of making a selection from the books, pamphlets, and papers belonging to the late Governor, for the use of the Society, be desired to attend to that business.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Esq., of Boston, was chosen a Resident Member.

The following donations were received: —

For the Library: —

The Constitution of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons, elegantly bound, from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, by their Grand Master, Paul Revere, Esq.

Four Pamphlets, from Mr. Ebenezer Larkin.

A Newspaper, 1712, from Mr. Kelder.

Laws of South Carolina, 1795, and A Sketch of the Soil, Climate, Weather, and Diseases of South Carolina. From Hon. Dr. Ramsay.

Journal of the Senate of the United States, 1795 and 1796, from Ebenezer Hazard, Esq.

Professor Kent's Law Lectures in the College of New York, and several Pamphlets, from Mr. Gardiner Baker.

Three Pamphlets on Medical Subjects, from Dr. John C. Lettsom.

Geographical View of the Post-roads in the United States, from Mr. S. A. Ruddock.

For the Cabinet: —

A box of Marine Petrifactions, found in the interior parts of Virginia, Carolina, and Georgia, from Phineas Miller, Esq.

Specimens of Marine Petrifactions, found in western parts of New York, three hundred miles from the sea, from Rev. Mr. Norton.

A collection of Silver and Copper Coins, ancient and modern, from Dr. Joshua Thomas.

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Two Roman Coins, taken out of the walls of Belgrade, — 1st, Antoninus Pius; 2d, Valentinian. From Mr. Degan.

An English Coin of Queen Elizabeth; a Ten Shilling Bill of New Hampshire, 1737; a Ten Shilling Bill of Massachusetts, 1742; and the Key of the Fort at Annapolis, taken 1710. From Mr. Samuel Belknap.

Four Prints, exhibiting Landscapes in Italy and the Alps, from Mr. Wendell Davis.

A Mezzotinto Print, in frame, of Governor Belcher, from Master Daniel McNiel, Jr.

For the Society's Room: —

A pair of Andirons, from Mr. Clap.

An Inkstand.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 25, 1796, —

Mr. Isaac Beers, of New Haven, printer, applied for the four volumes of the Historical Collections, in exchange for La Hontan.

Voted, That the request cannot be complied with.

Mr. Pemberton, Dr. Spooner, and the Cabinet-Keeper reported a list of the natural and artificial productions belonging to the Museum of the Society, which report is on file.

Voted, That the Cabinet-Keeper be authorized to exchange some of the shells belonging to the Society for Governor Hutchinson's picture.

Voted, That Messrs. Eliot and Freeman be a committee to sell the useless books belonging to the Society.

Governor William Blount, of Tennessee, was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Nominations: Gilbert Harrison Hubbard, of Demerara, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Belknap; Dr. Isaac

Senter, of Newport, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Freeman; Oliver Wolcott, Jr., Esq., a Corresponding Member, by Mr. John Davis.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Nov. 18, 1796, —

Voted, That Dr. Belknap, Dr. Morse, and Dr. Spooner be a committee to solicit subscriptions to the funds of the Society.

Voted, That the Treasurer purchase Des Barres's "Atlantic Neptune," three volumes, of Mr. Benjamin Larkin, for the sum of fifty dollars.

Voted, That the Treasurer be a committee to frame an article in addition to the Laws, regulating that persons neglecting to pay their annual assessments or to attend the quarterly meetings, shall, after a limited period, no longer be considered as members of the Society.

Mr. Gilbert Harrison Hubbard, of Demerara; Dr. Isaac Senter, of Newport; and Oliver Wolcott, Jr., Esq., Secretary of the Treasury, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Nominations: Mr. Eben. Parsons, a Resident Member, by Mr. Kirkland; Rev. Asa Norton, of Paris, New York, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Morse; Hon. Stephen Van Rensselaer, of Albany, a Corresponding Member, by the President.

The following donations were received at this and at the former meeting: —

For the Library: —

Province Laws, edition of 1726, and a volume of the Statutes at Large, incomplete, from Mr. Stephen Williams.

Collection of Facts relative to the Yellow Fever, from Noah Webster, Jr. Esq.

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A Pamphlet on the same subject, from Mr. Gardiner Baker.

Fragment of a Concordance to the Indian Bible (MS.), from Mrs. Eliza Howard.

Stiles's History of the Judges of Charles I., and Marsh's Election Sermon, from Rev. David McClure.

Collection of President Washington's Speeches, from Mr. Solomon Cotton.

The Lay Preacher, from Mr. John Hubbard.

Inquiry concerning Madoc's Discovery of America, two Pamphlets, by Dr. John Williams. From Mr. Isaac Beers.

Fairservice's Address to his Children, from Hon. Thomas Dawes, Esq.

Findley's History of the Insurrection in Pennsylvania, from the author.

Hearne's Journey from Hudson's Bay to the North Sea, 1772, from Mr. Thomas K. Jones.

Twenty Pamphlets, political, historical, and theological, from Mr. Joseph Coolidge.

Four Pamphlets, from Mr. Peter Edes.

For the Cabinet: —

The Skin of a Torpedo Eel, and several Indian Implements, domestic and martial, from Demerara. Presented by Captain George Wheelwright.

An Indian Air-gun and Arrows, a large Bat, and some specimens of Wood, from Demerara. From Mr. Gilbert H. Hubbard.

A Silver Medal, in memory of Katharine I., wife of Henry VIII., and Queen of England, from Captain Israel Bartlett.

Model of a Cannon, mounted in a new mode, from Hon. General Mattoon.

A branch of Coralline, from the bottom of the ocean, from Mr. John Geyer, Jr.

Impression of the Seal of the Province of Nova Scotia, on wax, from Mr. Edward W. Newell.*

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* It will have been observed that, at the October meeting, 1793, p. 55, the catalogue of the Library being reported, it was "voted, that the Librarian [George Richards Minot] procure it to be copied at the expense of the Society." No further action is recorded respecting it, but a catalogue was printed this year, 1796, entitled "Catalogue of Books in the Massachusetts Historical Library. Printed by S. Hall, No. 53 Cornhill, Boston, 1796," forty pages 8vo. The titles are very brief, arranged in single columns, and number rather more than one thousand. In a note at the end, the reader is told that "this Catalogue does not include unbound books and pamphlets, nor European publications, except they have some connection with American history, nor a large collection of newspapers," &c. This little catalogue has now become quite rare. — Eds.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JAN. 31, 1797.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 31, 1797, —

Letters were read from Dr. Isaac Senter and Mr. Gilbert H. Hubbard, accepting their election as Corresponding Members.

Mr. Peck requested that he might keep the Herbarium belonging to the Society for a longer time.

Voted, That he be allowed to retain it two years longer.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to solicit subscriptions reported that they had not yet closed the business.

Voted, That they be requested to attend still further to it.

JOHN DAVIS, Esq., was chosen in the room of Dr. Belknap, who declined serving any longer on this committee.

Mr. EBEN. PARSONS, of Boston, was chosen a Resident Member, and Rev. ASA NORTON and Hon. STEPHEN VAN RENSSELAER, Corresponding Members.

Nominations: Thomas Brattle, Esq., of Cambridge, a Resident Member, by the President; William Fiske, of Waltham, a Resident Member, by Mr. Winthrop; Henry William Desaussure, of Charleston, South Carolina, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. John Davis; Dr. Lemuel Kollock, of Savannah, Georgia, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Freeman; Ephraim Ramsay, Esq., of South Carolina, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Morse.

Voted, That the Society will compile a map of the State from the materials to be supplied by the government, the expense of necessary

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observations being borne by the same, the government loaning the Society fifteen hundred dollars for two years, without interest, and receiving five hundred copies at the prime cost, and granting the Society the copyright of the work for twenty-eight years.

Voted, That the President, Judge Minot, and John Davis, Esq., be a committee to present a memorial to the General Court, conformable to the foregoing vote.

Voted, That the following be added to the Laws and Regulations of the Society: —

If any Resident Member of this Society shall neglect to pay his annual assessment for the space of three years after it shall have become due, or shall neglect to attend any six successive quarterly meetings of the Society, he shall forfeit his right to its privileges, and shall no longer be considered as a member thereof, unless he shall send his excuse to one of the Secretaries in writing, and the same shall be judged reasonable by the Society.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary furnish each Resident Member of the Society with an attested copy of the foregoing vote.

ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1797.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 25, 1797, — members present, Belknap, Clarke, J. Davis, J. Freeman, Harris, Kirkland, Minot, Spooner, Thacher, Turell, and Winthrop.

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers: —

JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen	President.
GEORGE R. MINOT	"	Treasurer.
JEREMY BELKNAP	"	Corresponding Secretary.
JAMES FREEMAN	"	Recording Secretary.
JOHN ELIOT	"	Librarian.
SAMUEL TURELL	"	Cabinet-Keeper.
JAMES WINTHROP PETER THACHER REDFORD WEBSTER	were chosen . .	Standing Committee.

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THOMAS BRATTLE, Esq., of Cambridge, and WILLIAM FISKE, Esq., of Waltham, were chosen Resident Members. HENRY WILLIAM DESAUSSURE, Esq., of Charleston, Dr. LEMUEL KOLLOCK, of Savannah, and EPHRAIM RAMSAY, Esq., of South Carolina, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Voted, That the Standing Committee report at the next meeting an addition to the seventh article, determining what number of members shall be present to make any alterations in the Laws of the Society.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, July 20, 1797, — members present, Belknap, Bradford, Clarke, Coffin, Cutler, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Kirkland, Mellen, Minot, Morse, Perkins, Prince, Quincy, Spooner, Thacher, Turell, Tyng, and Winthrop.

Whereas Edmund Randolph and William Blount, who have been elected Corresponding Members of this Society, are, in our opinion, unworthy of our confidence; therefore,

Voted, That they be no longer considered as Corresponding Members.*

Passed *nem. con.*

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* The circumstances under which Edmund Randolph had resigned his place as Secretary of State are abundantly dealt with in the Histories of the time. See the Life and Works of John Adams, I. 481, 482; Marshall's Life of Washington, second edition, Vol. II. note No. XX.

William Blount, after having been a delegate to the Continental Congress from North Carolina, was appointed Governor of the territory south of the Ohio. In 1796 he was chosen President of the Convention of Tennessee, and was elected by that State to a seat in the Senate of the United States; but was expelled in the following year, for having, as was alleged, instigated the Indians to assist the British in conquering the Spanish territories near the United States. See Gales and Seaton's Annals of Congress for this period, and Lanman's Dictionary of the United States Congress. — EDS.

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Nominations: Captain Gamaliel Bradford, a Resident Member, by John Davis; Caleb Gannett, Esq., of Cambridge, a Resident Member, by Mr. Mellen; Dr. Timothy Dwight, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Morse.

Voted, That the President, Dr. Morse, and Mr. J. Davis be a committee to apply to the General Court to request that they would pay the amount of expenses incurred by the Society in ascertaining the cost of publishing a map of the Commonwealth.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 31, 1797, — the members present were, Belknap, J. Davis, Eliot, Fiske, J. Freeman, Harris, Kirkland, Minot, Pemberton, Quincy, Spooner, Thacher, Tudor, Turell, Webster, and Winthrop.

Messrs. WEBSTER and KIRKLAND were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

The President, Messrs. J. FREEMAN, MINOT, J. DAVIS, SPOONER, and QUINCY, a committee to consider the propriety and expediency of continuing the publications of the Society.

Messrs. PECK, WEBSTER, and SPOONER, a committee to consider the necessary measures to preserve the Library and the preparations for the Museum from destruction by insects and the intermeddling of strangers.

Captain GAMALIEL BRADFORD, of Boston, and CALEB GANNETT, Esq., of Cambridge, were chosen Resident Members. TIMOTHY DWIGHT, D.D., President of Yale College, was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Nominations: John Dunn, Esq., of Killaly, Ireland, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Freeman; Dr. Elihu Hubbard Smith, of New York, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Quincy.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Dec. 1, 1797, — the members present were, Belknap, G. Bradford, Clarke, Coffin, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Harris, Kirkland, Minot, Morse, Quincy, Spooner, Sullivan, Turell, Webster, and Winthrop.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the propriety and expediency of continuing the publications of the Society, reported that it is expedient to continue the same. Whereupon it was

Voted, 1. That the Collections of the Society be continued.

2. That they be published quarterly, in numbers containing seventy-two pages each, the first number to commence on the first day of January, 1798.

3. That a contract be entered into with a printer for that purpose.

4. That four hundred copies, at least, be printed.

5. That the Recording Secretary be a committee to draw up a subscription paper, and to furnish each member with two copies at least.

6. That each Resident Member be requested to subscribe for two copies of the Collections, and to procure subscriptions among persons not belonging to the Society.

7. That the price of each number of the Collections be twenty-five cents.

Dr. Morse, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Eliot, and Mr. J. Freeman were appointed a committee to prepare materials

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for, and to superintend, the publications for the year 1798, constituting the fifth volume of the Collections of the Society, and comprised in four numbers.

John Dunn, LL.D., of Killaly, Ireland, and Dr. Elihu Hubbard Smith, of New York, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Nominations: Christopher Gore, Esq., a Resident Member, by Dr. Belknap; Rev. John Bradford, a Resident Member, by Mr. Freeman; Dr. Samuel Latham Mitchill, of New York, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Morse.

SPECIAL MEETING, January, 1798.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 15, 1798, — the members present were, Belknap, Clarke, J. Davis, D. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Kirkland, Minot, Quincy, Sullivan, Tudor, and Turell.

Judge Tudor was appointed a committee to draw up a petition to the Honorable Senate, requesting the donation of the portraits which hang in the old Senate Chamber.

The Judge reported a petition, which was accepted, and ordered to be signed by the President and presented to the Senate.

Nomination: Benjamin, Count Rumford, a Corresponding Member, by Judge Tudor.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 30, 1798, — the members present were, Belknap, Bentley, G. Bradford, Clarke, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Minot, Morse, Parsons, Quincy, Spooner, Thacher, Tudor, Turell, Webster, and Winthrop.

The President informed the Society, by letter, that the petition to the Senate for the portraits was not granted.*

Voted, That the Committee appointed at the meeting in July to apply to the General Court for payment of the expenses incurred in ascertaining the cost of publishing a map be discharged.

Voted, That Dr. Belknap procure a convenient box for depositing the papers of the Corresponding Secretary, at the expense of the Society.

CHRISTOPHER GORE, Esq., and Rev. JOHN BRADFORD were chosen Resident Members. Dr. S. L. MITCHILL, and BENJAMIN, Count RUMFORD, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Nominations: Dr. Daniel Kilham, of Wenham, a Resident Member, by Judge Minot; Rev. Abiel Holmes, of Cambridge, a Resident Member, by Dr. Belknap; Dr. Josiah Bartlett, of Charlestown, a Resident Member, by Dr. Morse; Timothy Pickering, Esq., Secretary of State, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Clarke.

The following donations have been received since the meeting of Nov. 18, 1796: —

* Leave was granted to *deposit* the portraits with the Society till further order. — EDS.

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For the Treasury: —

Twenty Dollars, from Ebenezer Hazard, Esq.

For the Collections: —

Account of an Invention to keep a Ship at Sea in safety, by Mr. William Haliburton.

Meteorological Observations at Halifax, Nova Scotia, by Joseph Peters.

Antiquities and Description of County of Litchfield and Town of New Milford, in Connecticut, by Mr. Sherman Boardman.*

Description of Yarmouth, by Mr. Timothy Alden, Jr.

Account of the Settlement and Antiquities of Windsor, Connecticut, by Rev. David McClure.

Statement of the Increase of Cotton and Decrease of Indigo in South Carolina, by Henry William Desaussure, Esq.

Vocabularies of the Micmac, Mountaineer, and Skoffie languages, by Mr. Thomas Pieronnet.†

Colonel Baum's Orderly Book, 1777. Presented by General Lincoln.‡

Account of a Remarkable Flood in Penobscot River, by Mr. Timothy Alden, Jr.

For the Library: —

Collection of Documents relative to the Finances of the American Government, and some Documents of State, from Oliver Wolcott, Esq., Secretary of Treasury.

Journals of Congress and other papers printed by their order, and Robinson's Apology for the Brownists, from Ebenezer Hazard, Esq.

Maps and Pamphlets in the Latin, French, and German languages; a Literary Journal, in French, by Professor Olivarius; and Maps of Vermont, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania, beautifully engraved at Hamburgh. From Professor Ebeling.

Alexander's New Greek Grammar, from Mr. Isaiah Thomas, Jr.

Wynne's History of America, from Mr. Thomas Hancock.

Copy of the British Act of Parliament called the Stamp Act, from Colonel Dudley Colman.

Porter's and Bartlett's Discourses to the Charitable Society at Roxbury, from Mr. Nathaniel Ruggles.

Smith's History of Virginia, and Letter from a Gentleman to his Friend in England, descriptive of the Settlements in Upper Canada, from Mr. John Russell.

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* This and the next following paper were published in Vol. V. of the Collections. — Eds.

† Published in Vol. VI. of the Collections. — Eds.

‡ General Burgoyne's original Orders or Instructions to Lieutenant-Colonel Baum were printed in the Collections, II. 25–27, having been issued in the serial for February, 1793. The original paper, it is there said, was deposited in the collection of the Historical Society by General Lincoln, yet the Records do not mention it. Colonel Baum's "Orderly Book," recorded as having been given by General Lincoln at this later date, is not known to be in the Society's Library, and possibly it may have been somehow confounded with the above Orders or Instructions. — Eds.

An ancient Map of New England, from Oliver Wendell, Esq.

The Independent Chronicle, for 1779; The Asiatic Mirror, for 1795 and part of 1796; The Columbian Centinel, for 1796 and 1797. From Major Benjamin Russell.

The Independent Chronicle, for 1796 and 1797, from Mr. Thomas Adams.

The Boston Gazette, for 1796 and 1797, from Mr. Benjamin Edes.

Massachusetts Mercury, for 1796, from Messrs. Young & Minns.

The New York Herald, for 1797, from Noah Webster, Jr., Esq.

The Salem Gazette, for 1796 and 1797, from Rev. William Bentley.

Three volumes of select Pamphlets, 8vo; American Remembrancer, three volumes, 8vo; and Calef on Witchcraft. From Mr. Edward Blunt.

Journals of Congress, Vol. I., from Hon. John Lowell, Esq.

The Laws of the Island of St. Christopher's, edition of 1769, and the Laws of Virginia, edition of 1636, from Mr. Eben. Larkin.

A Print of Yale College, from Mr. John Tilestone.

Austin's Thanksgiving Sermon, 1796, from Isaiah Thomas, Esq.

Hewes's Collection of Facts and Occurrences, from Mr. Samuel Hewes.

Cushing's Discourse on July 4, 1796, from the author.

Three Sermons, from Rev. Dr. Fiske.

Mrs. Johnson's Captivity, from Mr. John Hubbard.

Several valuable Pamphlets, from Mr. Gardiner Baker.

Forster's Observations in Cook's Second Voyage round the Globe, from Mr. Edward Davis, Jr.

New Views of the Indians of North America, and a Memoir concerning the Fascinating Power which has been ascribed to the Rattlesnake, from Dr. Barton, the author.

Several Philosophical and Medical Pamphlets, from Dr. Mitchill.

Dr. Lewis's Election Sermon, 1797 (Connecticut), from Rev. David McClure.

Mr. Mellen's Election Sermon, 1797 (Massachusetts), from the author.

Judge Tucker's Dissertation on Slavery in Virginia, from the author.

Eighty Pamphlets, theological, political, and miscellaneous, from Colonel Joseph May.

Twenty-two bundles of Newspapers, printed in Boston, from Mr. John Stoddard.

A MS. of Henry Flynt, Esq., Tutor of Harvard College, from Dr. Jennison.

The Boston Gazette, twelve volumes, with MS. notes by the late Harbottle Dorr, Esq.; and Parliamentary Register, eighteen volumes, 8vo. From Josiah Quincy, Esq.

Neal's History of the Puritans, five volumes, 8vo; Steadman's History of the American War, two volumes, 4to; Belsham's History of the House of Brunswick and Lunenburgh, two volumes, 8vo; and Maps of the Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, and Coast of North America. From William Tudor, Esq.

Commentaires de Jean Sleidan, from Mr. Thomas Pieronnet.

Father Semedo's History of China, from Timothy Newell, Esq.

Three dozen Pamphlets, from Dr. Holyoke and Mr. Bowditch.

Eighteen Pamphlets, from Isaac Mansfield, Esq.

Vindication of Governor Parr, by a Gentleman of Halifax. From Mr. Edward Newell.

Map of Vermont, from Dr. Smith, of Hanover, New Hampshire.

Laws of Rhode Island, from 1663 to 1745; Laws of Connecticut, to 1754; Laws of New York, from 1752 to 1762; Laws of Pennsylvania, to 1742. From Ezekiel Price, Esq.

General Winslow's Journal, for 1755 and 1756 (manuscript), from Dr. Isaac Winslow.*

Geography Made Easy, 12mo; American Geography, London edition, 8vo; American Universal Geography, 1793 and 1796, two volumes each, 8vo; Elements of Geography, first and second editions, 24mo; Universal Geography, abridged, 12mo; American Gazetteer, 8vo; Seventy-eight Pamphlets; Chalmers's Comparative Strength of Great Britain, 8vo; Several volumes of Newspapers, bound; Reichard's Travels through Europe, three volumes, 8vo; Catteau's General View of Sweden, two volumes, 8vo; Korff's Statistical Essay on Prussia, 8vo; Guide to Potsdam, &c., 12mo; Geographical Account of the States of the House of Brandenburg; Observations and Voyages of the Count de Berchtold; Fabri's Geography, 8vo; Tuneld's Geography, 8vo; and four other Books, in the German language. From Rev. Dr. Morse.

A Breviary of the Catholic Church, in the Micmac language; The Psalms, set to music by the Abbé Maillard, missionary. From James Clarke, Esq.

Dr. Oliver Fiske's Oration, July 4, 1797, and Thoughts on the Manners of the Great, from Rev. Dr. Fiske.

Account of the Discipline of a Church in Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

A Bible, printed in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and brought over by one of the first planters of New England, from Mr. Ichabod Shaw.†

Laws of United States, three volumes, 8vo, from the Legislature of Massachusetts.

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* In acknowledging this gift, the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Belknap, solicited the further contribution of any early family papers, &c. To this letter Dr. Winslow replied, under date of "Marshfield, 26 Feb., 1798":—

. . . "You therein request me to send you any original papers that can give information of either of the Governor Winslows, that I have in my hands. Mr. John Davis was with me about two years past, and selected from our family papers all that he supposed would answer any purpose in a historical or a biographical collection, which I understood him were for the Historical Society. If he has not delivered them, I wish you to ask him for them.

"Since the receipt of yours, I have reperused said papers, but find none that I think will be of any consequence to you. However, have sent you all the papers of ancient date that I could find." . . . — Eds.

† A fragment of an ancient Bible, bearing on the blank page immediately preceding the Psalms of David the names of "Isaac Allerrton, his booke," and "William Brewster," the latter certainly not an autograph of "the elder," is in one of the cabinets of the Society. It is probably a copy of the Genevan version. — Eds.

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For the Cabinet: —

A Sword of Captain Miles Standish, from Mr. Caleb Leach.

A Sword of Elder William Brewster, from Mr. Southworth Shaw.

Two very singularly wrought Stones, found at Moose-ke-keen, in the district of Maine, from Mr. Lemuel Symonds.

An Indian Stone Axe, from Mr. Isaiah Thomas, of Kingston.

An Indian Hatchet, from Mr. Lewis Weston.

Several Weapons, Implements, and Ornaments of Stone, found in Indian graves at Plymouth, and a curious Hook, composed of silver, copper, and crystal, from Mr. Ichabod Shaw.*

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* The following "Memorandum" accompanied these several gifts, drawn up in a hand a little resembling that of Judge Davis, but certainly not in that of Mr. Ichabod Shaw (except the signature), who seems to have been instrumental in procuring the articles for the Society. The sword of Governor Carver had been given by him a year or two before. It may be well to preface the "memorandum" with a letter of Mr. Shaw, which probably came with it. Mr. Shaw was a mechanic, and evidently not familiar with the use of the pen. The orthography of this letter, and a few errors which we will call "clerical," have been corrected. The "Master Southworth Shaw" who presented the sword of Elder Brewster was a younger brother of Mr. Ichabod Shaw; and they were uncles of our late associate, Dr. N. B. Shurtleff.

"PLYMOUTH, Feb. 9, 1797.

"SIR, — At the request of some of my acquaintances, who have put several articles into my care which they wish to present to the Historical Society for their Museum, as also the former intimation I gave that I had discovered a number of ancient articles that were brought to Plymouth by the first settlers of the place, which, I apprehend, would be acceptable to the Society could they be obtained, I have applied to several of the possessors of those articles, and find they are very fond of keeping them, in memory of their ancestors. However, I do not despair of obtaining a considerable number of them in a short time, as I endeavored, if possible, to convince them those articles would be much better preserved in your Museum than they can possibly be in private families. I have obtained two swords: one is the sword of Captain Miles Standish; the other, Elder William Brewster's sword. As I never wish to forward any thing to the Society without satisfactory evidence of their identity, have made the strictest search that lapse of time can possibly afford, which in this case is only circumstantial, and which, I trust, in some measure will be satisfactory. I shall give you a list of the several articles, and the names of those persons that present them, together with what vouchers are obtained respecting the two swords and some other articles. You will, Sir, recollect that in August, 1795, when you received the sword of Governor Carver, I proposed sending you a hook to suspend the same, and which promise has not as yet been fulfilled, as very soon after I proposed to make the hook I had the misfortune to break my arm, but it is now so far recovered that I am able to do some labor. I also informed you the materials of which the hook should be made were as ancient as the sword. They really are so, and had they fell into ingenious hands you might have received something worthy your acceptance;

A Bookcase, with glass doors, from Josiah Quincy, Esq.
A Portrait of Dr. Increase Mather, from Mr. John Dugan.

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but I have attempted to form something for that purpose, and, should it meet with your approbation so far as to make use of the same for the intended purpose, it will amply reward me for my rough performance. Am, with the greatest respect, your most obedient humble servant,

"ICHABOD SHAW.

"Rev. Dr. JEREMY BELKNAP,
Secretary to Massachusetts Historical Society,
Boston."

"Memorandum of articles presented to the Historical Society of Massachusetts by persons whose names will appear below. All the information tending to prove their identity is here collected, viz.: —

"ARTICLE I. Sword of Captain Miles Standish. This sword has been in the possession of the Standish family since the death of Captain Standish, as is reported by Ebenezer Standish, from whom it was purchased, in the year 1796. And is presented by Caleb Leach, of Plymouth.

"2. Sword of Elder William Brewster. A similar tradition respecting this sword was given by Job Brewster, formerly of Duxbury, deceased, of whom it was purchased about twenty years since. And is presented by Master Southworth Shaw, of Plymouth.

"3. The Devil's Foot and a Petrified Kitten — two uncommon-shaped stones. They were found in the eastern part of the Province of Maine, by Lemuel Symonds. Here follows an extract of a letter from him on the subject: —

"'I send you two stones that were found at Moosekekeen Reach — a spot where the Indians used to collect to have their sins pardoned by the French missionaries; a place held in great reverence by the natives.' They are presented, by his request, by Ichabod Shaw, of Plymouth.

"4. An Indian Stone Axe. By Isaiah Thomas, of Kingston.

"5. An Indian Hatchet. By Master Lewis Weston, of Plymouth.

"6. A Stone Spear, with a number of Indian weapons, dug up in Plymouth, deposited by bones of the natives found at the same place, with several small Indian articles; have been collected from various hands, with a request that they might be placed in the collection of curiosities of the Historical Society of Massachusetts, and are forwarded by Ichabod Shaw, of Plymouth.

"7. Sword of Hon. John Carver, first Governor of Colony of New Plymouth. Also presented by Ichabod Shaw, Plymouth.

"Note to article 7. A Plated Ornament, designed for a hook, merely to receive Governor Carver's sword, will accompany this communication. The donor respectfully requests that the sword may be suspended from it. The cluster of crystals on the top were found on a rock at Horton, Nova Scotia. The other crystal seems to resemble a coffin, and is consecrated to the memory of Governor Carver by the donor. This was taken from a bed of crystal at Plymouth. The unstrung bow, with its arrow, engraved on the plate, is symbolically introduced, in allusion to the establishment of civilization by the sword of the pious founders of the Colony.

"ICHABOD SHAW.

"PLYMOUTH, Feb. 16, 1797." EDS.

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An ancient Coin of the Roman Emperor Nerva, from Mr. Andrew Norton.
An Italian Coin of the seventeenth century, from Mr. Charles Sigourney.
An original Charter of Sir F. Gorges, from Mr. Joseph Tucker.
Several articles of Dress and Weapons from the South Sea Islands and the north-west coast of America, and a Malayan Crease, from Mr. John Boit, Jr.
A Fan, Bow and Arrows, a Bird of Paradise, and some small Shells from Bengal. From Captain William Miller.
An Apron, a Paddle, some Fishing Lines from the north-west coast of America, and a Spear from Otaheite. From Captain Boit.
A pair of Indian Stockings, from Mrs. Parker.
Several small Animals, dried or preserved in spirits, from Captain Uriah Green.
A Micmac Tobacco Pipe, the bowl made of gypsum, from Mr. Thomas Pieronnet.
A Bank Bill of Sixpence, and a Tax Bill of 1736, from William Donnison, Esq.
A Manufactory Bill of One Shilling, from Joseph Laughton, Esq.
An artificial Toad, cut in stone; a Bow and Arrows, and a small Birch Canoe, from Nootka Sound. From Mr. John Tucker, of York.
A Shell of the oyster genus, from Sumatra, weight one hundred pounds; a Horn of the Rhinoceros, from Africa; the Pinna Marina Mussel, from St. Helena; a Head of a Calao, a bird of Sumatra, with round crest; another with concave crest; another with shelled crest; the Spider Shell, univalve, spiral, flat mouth, six horns; and the Horns of the Gazella Africana. From Rev. William Bentley.
Portrait of Dr. Increase Mather, from Mrs. Crocker.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1798.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 24, 1798, — the members present were, Belknap, J. Davis, Eliot, Fiske, J. Freeman, Gannett, Kirkland, Minot, Quincy, Tudor, and Turell.

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers: —

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ANNUAL MEETING, [illegible]

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, [illegible], April 24, 1878, — the president, [illegible], in the chair, — present, [illegible] J. Davis, Elliot, Fisher, J. Freeman, [illegible], Kenrick, [illegible], Manter, G. Snow, Tucker, and Tuttle.

The president proceeded to the annual election of officers: —

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Jeremy Belknap

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JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
GEORGE R. MINOT	"	TREASURER.
JEREMY BELKNAP	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOHN ELIOT	"	LIBRARIAN.
JOHN T. KIRKLAND	"	ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL TURELL	"	CABINET-KEEPER.
REDFORD WEBSTER, JOHN DAVIS, JOSIAH QUINCY	were chosen . .	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Dr. DANIEL KILHAM, of Wenham, Rev. ABIEL HOLMES, of Cambridge, and Dr. JOSIAH BARTLETT, of Charlestown, were chosen Resident Members. TIMOTHY PICKERING, Esq., Secretary of State, was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Nominations: Hon. Benjamin Lincoln, Esq., of Hingham, a Resident Member, by Judge Minot; Dr. Isaac Rand, of Boston, a Resident Member, by Dr. Eliot.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, July 19, 1798, — the members present were, Bentley, Coffin, J. Davis, Eliot, Fiske, J. Freeman, Holmes, Minot, Morse, Pemberton, Prince, Quincy, Spooner, Sullivan, Thacher, Tudor, Turell, Webster, and Winthrop.

Voted, That the Society now proceed to the election of a Corresponding Secretary, in the room of Dr. Belknap, deceased.*

* The death of Dr. Belknap made the first breach in the little band of founders of the Society, of which he was the principal. He died on the 20th of June, 1798, at the comparatively early age of fifty-four. A sketch of his

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The ballots being taken, it appeared that JOHN ELIOT was chosen.

JOHN T. KIRKLAND was chosen Librarian.

THOMAS WALLCUT was chosen Assistant Librarian.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary purchase for the Society two volumes of Purchas's "Pilgrims," and that the Cabinet-Keeper purchase "Dampier's Voyages," in four volumes.

Voted, That the President of this Society be requested to write a letter to the President of Williamstown College, informing him that the Society will be happy to make such communications and exchanges with the College as will tend to promote the natural, civil, and ecclesiastical history of the country.

A letter to the Corresponding Secretary from Count Rumford being read, it was

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary publish it in one of the newspapers in Boston.*

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life and character, by the Rev. John Eliot, is in Vol. VI. of the Collections, pp. x.–xviii. An excellent Life of Dr. Belknap, by his grand-daughter, Jane Belknap, now Mrs. Marcou, was published by Harper Brothers, in 1847, in 253 pp. 12mo; and reference may be made to a sketch of his life, prefixed to the publication of the "Belknap Papers," in 5 Collections, II. vii.–x.

Dr. Belknap's death was preceded by that of the Rev. John Clarke, D.D., who died a few weeks before him, on the 2d of April, 1798, in the forty-third year of his age, being the first death which occurred in the ranks of the Society. Dr. Clarke was elected a member on the 26th of January, 1796. A sketch of his life and character is in Vol. VI. of the Collections, pp. iii.–ix., immediately preceding that of Dr. Belknap, by whom it was supposed to have been written for the "Columbian Centinel," in which it originally appeared, April 7, 1798. As introducing the memoirs of Dr. Belknap and Dr. Clarke, in the Society's volume, the editors, in the fitting words of Judge Davis, say: —

"It is a duty which the Historical Society owe to their institution, to their own feelings, and to their country, to preserve in their publications some memorial of their associates, as they descend to the grave, especially of those who have been distinguished in the literary world. With tender recollections of two valuable members, whose death will long be deplored, they have appropriated a part of their Collections to a sketch of their lives and characters, persuaded that nothing which tends to honor and perpetuate the memories of a Clarke and a Belknap can be uninteresting to any of the readers of these papers." — EDS.

* The following is Count Rumford's letter, transcribed from the original on file. It has already been printed by our associate, the Rev. George E. Ellis,

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Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary forward to Count Rumford one set of the Collections of the Society, handsomely bound, in four volumes.

Hon. BENJAMIN LINCOLN and Dr. ISAAC RAND were chosen Resident Members.

Nominations: Rev. Ebenezer Fitch, President of Williamstown College, a Resident Member, by Dr. Morse; John Williams, Esq., of Deerfield, a Resident Member, by the President; Rev. Andrew Eliot, of Fairfield, Connecticut, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Freeman; Rev. Benjamin Trumbull, D.D., of North Haven, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Thacher.

D.D., in his elaborate Life of Count Rumford, written for the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, pp. 346, 347: —

"REVEREND SIR, — I have had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 31st January, in which you inform me of my having been elected a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society. I request, Sir, that you would present my best thanks to that respectable body for the honor they have done me, and at the same time assure them that I feel myself highly flattered by this distinguished mark of their regard and esteem.

"Though my present situation and connections must for the present, and may, perhaps, for ever, prevent my having the satisfaction of co-operating with the Society in the furtherance of their interesting and useful researches, yet I shall have much pleasure in contemplating, even at this great distance, the fruits of their meritorious exertions; and shall feel no small degree of pride in seeing myself enrolled in the same list with those generous benefactors of future generations whose names will go down to posterity with the treasures they are collecting.

"There are few things that could afford me so much heartfelt satisfaction as to be able to avail myself of the kind invitation of the Society to come and take my place among them. I have ever loved my native country with the fondest affection; and the liberality I have experienced from my countrymen, their moderation in success, and their consummate prudence in the use of their independence, have attached me to them by all the ties of gratitude, esteem, and admiration.

"Requesting that you, Sir, would accept my thanks for the flattering manner in which you have conveyed to me the Resolution of the Society, I have the honor to be, with sincere regard and esteem, your much obliged and most obedient servant, "RUMFORD.

"MUNICH, 22d April, 1798.

"The Rev. JEREMY BELKNAP, D.D.,
Secretary to the Massachusetts Historical Society." EDS.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 30, 1798, — the members present were, G. Bradford, Fiske, J. Freeman, Gannett, Holmes, Kirkland, Morse, Spooner, Turell, and Winthrop.

Voted, That a set of the Collections, bound in calf, be presented to the University of Gottingen.

Voted, That the numbers of the Collections, as they are published, be presented to Mrs. Belknap.

Voted, That the picture of Dr. Belknap be purchased by the Society, provided that a subscription to its amount can be obtained among the members.

Rev. Ebenezer Fitch and John Williams, Esq., were chosen Resident Members. Rev. Andrew Eliot and Rev. Benjamin Trumbull, D.D., were chosen Corresponding Members.

George R. Minot, John Davis, John Thornton Kirkland, and Josiah Quincy were appointed a committee to superintend the publications of the Society for the year 1799.

Voted, That, at the end of the next list of donations, the Corresponding Secretary request the public to present to the Society plays, novels, and other works of taste, written in America, descriptive of the character, manners, and sentiments of the people of the United States.

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QUARTERLY MEETING, January, 1799.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 29, 1799, — the members present were, J. Davis, D. Davis, Eliot, Fiske, J. Freeman, Holmes, Lincoln, Minot, Morse, Quincy, Spooner, Tudor, Turell, Webster, Williams, and Winthrop.

Mr. Crocker Sampson having applied for leave to take a copy of a letter addressed by Hon. Nathaniel Freeman, Jr., to the Recording Secretary, it was

Voted, That John Davis, Esq., inform Mr. Sampson that no such letter is on the files of the Society.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be increased by the addition of two members.

James Winthrop and Peter Thacher were chosen.

Voted, That the Collections for 1799 be published, not in four numbers, but in one volume.

Nominations: Rev. Jonathan Homer, of Newton, a Resident Member, by Dr. Eliot; His Excellency, Jonathan Trumbull, Governor of Connecticut, a Corresponding Member, by John Davis, Esq.

The following donations have been received since the meeting of Jan. 30, 1798: —

For the Collections: * —

Observations on the Indians of North America, by General Lincoln.

Letter respecting the Indians of Natick, by the Rev. Mr. Badger.

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* All these papers, "for the Collections," except the last two, are published in Vol. V. of the Collections. The letter of Colonel Revere is his celebrated account of the signal lanterns, and of his memorable ride to Lexington, on the evening of the 18th of April, 1775. In the month of October, 1878, a commemorative tablet of granite was placed in position on the front of the tower of Christ Church, bearing the following inscription: —

"The signal lanterns of Paul Revere, displayed in the steeple of this church, April 18, 1775, warned the country of the march of the British troops to Lexington and Concord." — Eds.

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Letter respecting Transactions at the Commencement of the late War, by Colonel Revere.

Account of Virginia. Presented by Carter B. Harrison, Esq., of Virginia.

Letter from Charles II.'s Commissioners to Governor Prince, 1664; Articles of Agreement between the Court of New Plymouth and Awasuncks, 1671; Dartmouth Indians' Engagement, 1671; Letter from Awasuncks to Governor Prince, 1671; Original Letter of Governor Prince, 1671; and Judge Auchmuty's Proposals to the Ministry, 1744. Presented by William Winthrop, Esq.

Account of the several Settlements and Governments in Narraganset Bay, with a number of Papers relative to Rhode Island. Presented by Mr. Brinley.

Description and History of Newton, by Rev. Jonathan Homer.

Meteorological Journal at Halifax, Nova Scotia, by Joseph Peters, Esq.

Account of an Uncommon Storm of Hail and Thunder, five hundred miles in extent, Oct. 8, 1797, by Rev. Asahel Norton.

For the Library: —

Columbian Centinel, for 1798, from Major Russell.

Independent Chronicle, for 1798, from Mr. Thomas Adams.

Boston Gazette, for six months, 1798, from Mr. Benjamin Edes.

Herbert's Poems, 1634, from Henry Bromfield, Esq.

Three Pamphlets, from Mr. Fr. Ad. Vanderkemp.

State of the Controversy between New York and New Hampshire about the Grants, from Sir John Wentworth, Governor of Nova Scotia.

Forster's Northern Voyages; Edwards's West Indies, two volumes; Russell's Ancient Europe, two volumes; Russell's Modern Europe, five volumes; Du Pratz's Louisiana; Hewatt's Carolina, two volumes; Charlevoix's Journal; Lee's Memoirs; Gordon's History of the American War, three volumes; Jefferson's Notes on Virginia; Trumbull's History of Connecticut; and Loskiel's Moravian Missions in America. From Mr. Eben. Parsons.

Twelve valuable Pamphlets, among them the Election Sermons for 1704, 1705, 1709, and several of the preceding century, from Mr. Sawyer, of Newburyport.

Oration on the Fourth of July, by H. W. Desaussure, Esq., of Charleston, South Carolina. From the author.

Several valuable Pamphlets, from Dr. Jennison, of Cambridge.

Twenty-three numbers of the Boston Magazine, for 1784, &c.; six numbers of Gentlemen's and Ladies' Magazine, for 1784; several numbers of Royal American Magazine, for 1773 and 1774; and The Centinel, for 1794. From Rev. Mr. McKean, of Milton.

Election Sermons preached in Hartford, from 1790 to 1797; An Account of the Missions to the new Settlements; and Continuation of the same, with an Address of the Association on the subject of the Missions. From Rev. Mr. Eliot, of Fairfield.

Fourth volume of the Geography of America. From Professor Ebeling.

Andrews's History of the War with America, France, Spain, and Holland, from 1775 to 1783. Four volumes. From Dr. Dexter.

Belknap's History of New Hampshire, three volumes, and Memoirs of General Heath. From Judge Sullivan.

Monroe's Defence, from John Davis, Esq.

Holmes's Life of President Stiles; Williams's Captivity, fourth edition; Eliot's Indian Grammar; Edwards on the Language of the Muhhekaneew Indians; Oratio Inauguralis, Ezra Stiles, oratore; Christian Loyalty, a Sermon by Cotton Mather, 1727; Remonstrance of the Council of the State of Vermont against Resolutions of Congress, 1782; Stone's Election Sermon, 1720; Thayer's Election Sermon, 1725; Prince's Election Sermon, 1730; and a Catalogue of Books in the Library of Yale College. From Rev. Mr. Holmes.

Journal of the Proceedings against the Conspirators at New York, 1741, from Mr. Ziphion Thayer.

Bishop of Norwich's Sermon before the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 1797, from Mr. David West.

History of the Canal Navigation in Pennsylvania; Narrative of the Sufferings of James Derkinderen, 1759; Constitution of Pennsylvania; Laws of Pennsylvania relative to the Poor, from 1700 to 1795; Health Laws of Pennsylvania, to 1798; Ordinances of the City of Philadelphia, to 1798; Report of the Committee on the subject of bringing Water to Philadelphia, 1798; and the Philadelphia Almanack, for 1799. From Mr. Z. Poulson, Jr., of Philadelphia.

Belknap's Biography, two volumes, from Josiah Quincy, Esq.

President's Message to Congress, April 3, 1798; Instructions to the Envoys to France; President's Message accompanying the same, June 5, 1798; and the President's Message, May 4, 1798. From Oliver Wolcott, Esq., Secretary of the Treasury.

Harris's Sermon on the Death of Mrs. Roads.

Mellen's Sermon on the Death of Mrs. Alden, from the author.

Trumbull's History of Connecticut, with a separate map and plates, from the author.

Observations on the Land Company instituted in Philadelphia, 1777, from Mr. T. Wallcut.

Orderly Books of the American Army, from Mr. Elisha Sigourney.

Cotton Mather's Memorable Providences relating to Witchcraft, and Cotton Mather's Johannes in Eremo, from Mr. Benjamin Larkin.

Kilborn Whitman's Oration before the Columbian Society at Bridgewater, from Rev. James Freeman.

Le Nord Littéraire, par Professeur Olivarius. Three numbers. From Professor Ebeling, of Hamburgh.

Collections for an Essay towards a Materia Medica of the United States, by Benjamin Smith Barton, M.D. From the author.

Dr. Morse's Thanksgiving Sermon, 1798, from the author.

Original Letter of Oliver Cromwell to Captain John Leverett, April 3, 1655, from Mr. Samuel Gridley.*

Proclamation by the President and Council of New England, 1686, from Ebenezer Storer, Esq.

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For the Cabinet: —

Portrait of John Wilson, first Minister of Boston, from Henry Bromfield, Esq.*

An Account and Drawing of a Petrified Fish, found near the Oneida Lake, from Mr. Fr. Ad. Vanderkemp.

A specimen of Burnt Corn, 1676, from Mr. Timothy Alden, Jr.

Portrait of John Wentworth, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of New Hampshire, from Sir John Wentworth, Governor of Nova Scotia.†

Specimens of Lava, Sulphur, Salts, and Petrifactions, from Naples and Gibraltar, from Captain Jonathan Young.

A large collection of Minerals, Fossils, and Petrifactions, from Jamaica, from Mr. Thomas Pemberton.

Half-crown of Charles II., Half-crown of Queen Anne, a Shilling of Oliver Cromwell, and a New England Shilling. From Mr. Sawyer, of Newburyport.

A Map of Connecticut, a Map of the Travels and Lodges of Charles I.'s Judges, a Print of President Stiles, and a specimen of Galena, found in Vermont, from Rev. Mr. Holmes.

A Map of New Jersey, and one of Maryland and Delaware, from Professor Ebeling, of Hamburgh.

Print of Dr. John Clarke, from Judge Minot.

Plan of the River Magaguadavic, from Judge Sullivan.

Portrait of Dr. Belknap, from several Members of the Society.

For the Chimney: —

A Grate, from Rev. James Freeman.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1799.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 30, 1799, — the members present were, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Gannett, Harris, Kirkland, Minot, Morse, Spooner, Thacher, Turell, and Winthrop.

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* See a communication on this picture, by the late Dr. Appleton, in the Proceedings for September, 1867, p. 41. — EDS.

† In a letter from Sir John Wentworth to Dr. Belknap, dated "Halifax, N.S., March 23, 1798," he asks the Society's acceptance of the picture of his late grandfather, which his correspondent had mentioned. "I am much flattered," he says, "by its intended situation among the good men of my native country, to which I shall never cease to bear an honest affection." — EDS.

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The members proceeded to the annual election of officers: —

JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM TUDOR	"	TREASURER.
JOHN ELIOT	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOHN T. KIRKLAND	"	LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL TURELL	"	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES WINTHROP PETER THACHER REDFORD WEBSTER JOHN DAVIS JOSIAH QUINCY	were chosen .	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Rev. JONATHAN HOMER was chosen a Resident Member, and His Excellency, JONATHAN TRUMBULL, a Corresponding Member.

Voted, That Dr. Morse and Mr. J. Davis be allowed to take from the files of the Society a map of a tract of unincorporated land in the county of Berkshire, presented by Mr. Williams, of Deerfield, they returning it when called for.

Voted, That Judge Winthrop, Dr. Thacher, and Mr. J. Davis be a committee to examine Dr. Morse's account respecting the map of the State, with the vouchers, and to report at the next meeting what may be proper for the Society to do.

Voted, That the Librarian purchase a book, to be left in the Society's room, and that the members be enjoined to give in it a receipt for the books which they shall take out of the Library.*

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary transmit a copy of the Collections to the Agricultural Society of New York.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts reported that they had attended that service,

* The small quarto volume, in parchment covers, purchased for the purpose indicated in this vote, is in the Cabinet of the Society, and contains many autograph signatures of the early members. — EDS.

and that they had found them rightly kept, vouched, and cast; and that there is in the hands of the Treasurer a balance of one hundred dollars and eighty-two cents.

Nominations: Dr. De Witt, of Albany, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Eliot; Dr. Caspar Wistar, of Philadelphia, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Spooner; and Rev. Samuel Miller, of New York, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Morse.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, July 18, 1799, — the members present were, Bartlett, Bentley, A. Bradford, J. Davis, Eliot, J. Freeman, Holmes, Morse, Prince, Quincy, Rand, Thacher, Turell, and Winthrop.

Voted, That an application be made to the Health Committee of Boston by Mr. Turell, who is chosen a committee for that purpose, that they would supply the documents which may fall into their hands respecting the origin and progress of the yellow fever, or any disease prevalent in the town during the last and present seasons.

Voted, That the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper be a committee to procure a person to inspect the roof of the Society's room, and to stop the leak.

Dr. DE WITT, of Albany, Dr. CASPAR WISTAR, of Philadelphia, and Rev. SAMUEL MILLER, of New York, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Nomination: Rev. John Allyn, of Duxbury, a Resident Member, by Mr. Alden Bradford.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 29, 1799, — the members present were, G. Bradford, Coffin, J. Davis, Eliot, J. Freeman, Gannett, Harris, Holmes, Homer, Kirkland, Mellen, Morse, Quincy, Thacher, Tudor, Turell, Webster, and Winthrop.

A letter from Governor Jay being read,

Voted, That it be committed to the Publishing Committee for 1799.*

Voted, That Mr. Gannett have liberty to take out of the Library Flint's manuscript.

Voted, That the choice of a committee for superintending the publications for the year 1800 be referred to the quarterly meeting in January.

Voted, That Messrs. Tudor, Quincy, J. Davis, and Kirkland be a committee to report rules respecting the taking of books out of the Library, and also the most effectual method of recovering the books which are lost.

The Committee chosen to examine Dr. Morse's account reported as follows: —

The Committee have taken into consideration the demand referred to them, made by Mr. Dennison, and exhibited by Dr. Morse, and find, on inquiry, that Dr. Morse has received from the subscription money forty-five dollars, part of which sum, amounting to forty-three dollars and twenty cents, was credited on the account; and, considering all the circumstances of the case, we are of the opinion that five dollars

* Published in Vol. VI. of the Collections, p. 146. — Eds.

more be paid by the Treasurer to Dr. Morse, to be in full of the demand made by him on behalf of Mr. Dennison.

Per order, JAMES WINTHROP.

Voted, That this report be accepted.

Rev. JOHN ALLYN, of Duxbury, was chosen a Resident Member.*

Nominations: Mr. Eliphalet Pearson, Professor in the University of Cambridge, a Resident Member, by Mr. Gannett; Mr. Thomas Pieronnet, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Freeman; Rev. Arthur Homer, D.D., of the University of Cambridge, Great Britain, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Kirkland.

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* In acknowledging his election, Mr. Allyn wrote the following letter to Dr. Eliot, the Corresponding Secretary: —

"DUXBORO', Dec. 24, 1799.

"DEAR SIR, — I this day received your letter of November the 15th. When I reflect on the literary eminence of those members which compose the Historical Society, and the laudable objects of their institution, it would be affectation to conceal that I am flattered by the attention announced in your letter.

"I have been a constant purchaser of the publications of the Society, and a gratified reader of the same, and cordially wish success to the institution.

"The term of membership which you mention, though somewhat staggering to a parish curate whose *wants* and means are not always exactly proportional to each other, will, however, be cheerfully complied with.

"But compliance with the pecuniary condition is all you must expect. I have no antiquities in possession. The bones of Miles Standish have washed into the sea. The first records of the town are not. The article of topography has been forestalled, &c., &c. The lot of my inheritance is *barren* in a twofold sense. When you declare, therefore, my acceptance of the honor done me by your Society, let it be with this expression, that I have nothing to *give*. I shall, however, (yet) rejoice in the lower blessedness of *receiving* much from their successful exertions.

"With assurance of esteem and friendship, I subscribe, your humble servant,

"JOHN ALLYN.

"Mr. ELIOT, Corresponding Secretary of the
Massachusetts Historical Society." EDS.

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QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1800.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 28, 1800, — the members present were, Allyn, J. Davis, Eliot, Fiske, Kirkland, Minot, Quincy, Sullivan, Tudor, and Webster.

Voted, That Josiah Quincy act as Secretary during the absence of Mr. Freeman.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Professor Ebeling for his donations, and that the Corresponding Secretary be requested to communicate them to him.

ABIEL HOLMES, JEDEDIAH MORSE, WILLIAM SPOONER, and THADDEUS M. HARRIS were appointed a committee to superintend the publications of the Society for the year 1800.

Mr. ELIPHALET PEARSON was chosen a Resident Member, and Mr. THOMAS PIERONNET and Rev. ARTHUR HOMER, D.D., Corresponding Members.

Nominations: Marston Watson, Esq., of Boston, a Resident Member, by the President; William Sullivan, Esq., of Boston, a Resident Member, by Mr. Freeman.

The following donations have been made since the meeting of Jan. 29, 1799: —

For the Collections: —

Letters to and from Hon. Meshech Weare, President of New Hampshire. Presented by Dr. Redford Webster.

Account of Demerara, by Mr. Thomas Pieronnet.*

Characters collected from Newspapers, by Isaac Mansfield, Esq.

Account of Quebec. Presented by Rev. James Freeman.*

A file of Manuscripts respecting the Colony of Connecticut during the administration of Governor Leete. Presented by President Fitch.

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* These manuscripts are printed in Vol. VI. of the Collections. — EDS.

For the Library: —

Dr. Leonard Hoar's Sermon on the Death of Lady Mildmay, from Rev. Thomas Thacher, of Dedham.

Edwards's Observations on the Language of the Muhhekaneew Indians, from Rev. Thaddeus M. Harris.

Dr. Eckley's Sermon on the National Fast, 1799, from the author.

A large collection of Proclamations, Handbills, and other Papers, from Mr. Benjamin Edes.

History of the American War. London, 1780. From Mr. Thomas Pieronnet.

Observations on the Land Company instituted at Philadelphia, 1777; Journals of the House of Representatives and the Senate, for two Sessions of the fifth Congress; Messages of the President, &c.; Reports of Committees, &c.; Accounts of Treasurer, &c.; Receipts and Expenditures; and Laws of the United States, Vol. IV. From Oliver Wolcott, Esq.

Pamphlets on America. London: from 1774 to 1782. From Mr. Thomas Elwin.

Memoir concerning the Salt Springs in the State of New York by Dr. De Witte. From the author.

A file of ancient Manuscripts, from Mr. John Pinchon, of Salem.

An Oration before the Society of Phi Beta Kappa, 1797; another delivered at the Commencement at New Haven, 1798. From the author, Mr. Eben. Grant Marsh.

Memoir on the Extraneous Fossils, denominated Mammoth Bones, by Geo. Turner, Member of the American Philosophical Society. From the author.

Worcester Gazette, for 1799, from Isaiah Thomas, Esq.

Massachusetts Mercury, for 1799, from Messrs. Young & Minns.

Columbian Centinel, for 1799, from Major Russell.

Independent Chronicle, for 1799, from Mr. James White.

A large and valuable collection of Boston Newspapers, from Mr. Jacob Kuhn.

The Spectator, for 1799, from Mr. E. Belden & Co., of New York.

Darwin's Botanic Garden, American edition, from Messrs. T. & J. Swords, of New York.

Hakluyt's Voyages, from James Robinson, Esq.

Sermons on the Moral Law, by David McClure; Shirley's Conferences with Norridgewock Indians, 1754; Account of the Inhabitants of Connecticut, 1774, compared with the number, 1756; Heads of Inquiry concerning Connecticut, in a letter from his Majesty's Secretary, July, 1773; and the Answers of the Governor, &c., October, 1774. From Rev. David McClure.

Six numbers of Le Nord Littéraire of Olivarius, and the fifth volume of Ebeling's American Geography. From Professor Ebeling.

Story's Eulogy on General Washington. Marblehead. From the author.

Colonel Burril's Oration on General Washington. Providence. From the author.

Mr. Mellen's Sermon on the Death of Judge Davis; Mr. Thayer's Sermon at the Installation of Mr. Emerson; Dr. West's Sermon on General

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Washington, Boston; Mr. Porter's Eulogy on the same, Roxbury; and Mr. Sewall's Oration on the same, in Portsmouth. From Rev. James Freeman.

Sever's and Oliver's Speeches on the Death of Colonel Lothrop, 1750, and Eulogy on General Washington, pronounced before the American Academy of Arts and Sciences by J. Davis, Esq. Presented by J. Davis, Esq.

Journal of Occurrences in the Detachment commanded by Colonel Benedict Arnold, from Sept. 9, 1775, to Jan. 1, 1776, by Major Jonathan Meigs. From Benjamin Vaughan, Esq.

For the Cabinet: —

A piece of Silver and Lead Ore, from a mine in Friburg, in the Electorate of Upper Saxony; two Prussian Dollars, — one having the impression of the late king, Frederick William II., the other of the reigning king, Frederick William III. From Thomas Boylston Adams, Esq.

One hundred and thirty-two Copper Coins, chiefly British; specimens of Petrifactions, &c., from Poole's Hole, in Derbyshire; specimens of Lead Ore, from the Goodluck Mines, in Stanley Moor, Derbyshire; specimens of Copper Ore, from Ecton Mines, Derbyshire; specimens of Lead Ore, from the Ban Moor, Derbyshire; specimens of Lead Ore, from the Owen Mines, near the Peak Hole; specimens of Fluors, Petrifactions, &c., from the Waterhill Mines, near Castleton; specimens of Spars, from the Speedwell Mines, Castleton; specimens of Limestone, from Fairfield, Derbyshire; specimens of Petrifactions, from the Peak Hole, Derbyshire; specimens of Calamine and other Ores of Zinc, from the Botany Bay Mine, Castleton; and specimens of Crystals, from the Diamond Hill, Derbyshire. From Mr. William Coolidge.

Tube of an East Indian Pipe, from Mr. Shubael Bell.

A Rhode Island Bill and a German Copper Coin, from Mr. Chadwick.

Two Massachusetts Bills, a New York Bill, and a Silver Coin of Charles II., from Mr. Benjamin Hanners.

Several Massachusetts Bills, from Mr. Thomas Fleet.

Indian Utensils, from Mr. Cyrus Comstock, of Wrentham.

Four Heads of Indian Arrows, from David Nye, Esq., of Falmouth.

A Powder Horn, taken from the Indians at Norridgewock, from Dr. Richard Bourne, of Barnstable.

Massacre of the National Guard at Montauban, May 10, 1790, — a print, from Mr. Azor. Archbald.

A Hortus Siccus of Plants, natives of Demerara, collected by the donor, Mr. Thomas Pieronnet.

A Half Eagle, the first impression, from Mr. Desaussure.

An Indian Pouch, a Spar, and a Stone, from Mr. Williams, of Hatfield.

A Rebeck (a musical instrument), and a curious Spoon, from the Ivory Coast of Africa, from Captain Boyd.

Two large Maps, from Professor Ebeling.

A large Map of South America, from Christopher Gore, Esq.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1800.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 29, 1800, — the members present were, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Gannett, Harris, Homer, Kirkland, Mellen, Morse, Pearson, Perkins, Quincy, Turell, and Winthrop.

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers: —

JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM TUDOR	"	TREASURER.
JOHN ELIOT	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOHN T. KIRKLAND	"	LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL TURELL	"	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES WINTHROP PETER THACHER REDFORD WEBSTER JOHN DAVIS JOSIAH QUINCY	were chosen .	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

MARSTON WATSON, Esq., and WILLIAM SULLIVAN, Esq., were chosen Resident Members.

Voted, That Mr. Gannett have leave to take out of the Library the four volumes of Andrews's History of the American War.

Voted, That the Publishing Committee be requested to print four hundred copies of the Laws and Regulations of the Society in a separate pamphlet.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, July 17, 1800, — the members present were, Bartlett, Bentley, J. Davis, Eliot, Fiske, J. Freeman, Holmes, Kilham, Minot, Morse, Sewall, J. Sullivan, W. Sullivan, Thacher, Tudor, Turell, and Webster.

Voted, That the Committee for Publications for the year 1799, — viz., George Richards Minot, John Davis, John T. Kirkland, and Josiah Quincy, — together with the Treasurer, be a committee to determine on the best method of procuring money to defray the expense of the last publication of the Society's Collections, and to settle the printer's account therefor in such manner as they shall judge best; and that the same Committee have authority to dispose of the numbers on hand in such a manner as they may find to be for the advantage of the Corporation.

The Hon. Theodore Foster, Esq., being engaged in writing a History of the State of Rhode Island,* and it

* In a long letter from Washington City, Dec. 29, 1800, to Dr. Eliot, acknowledging his election to this Society, Mr. Foster said: —

"About thirty-eight years ago, the late Governor Hopkins, of Rhode Island, commenced 'An Historical Account of the Settlement and Growth of Providence,' published in the 'Providence Gazette' [in 1765], with a view of encouraging and establishing the circulation of that newspaper, the first published in Providence. This was the principal object. After a few weekly publications, the History was dropped, and no regular history of the State has since been attempted. After Mr. Hopkins left Congress, during the Revolutionary War, I requested him to resume his History of the State, of which he knew more than any other man. He replied that he was aged and infirm, and that it pained him to write; that, therefore, he could not think of it. Seeing no prospect that it would be undertaken by another, I turned my attention to the subject, have collected materials, and begun the work, which, if I live to finish it, I mean to publish; and, in that case, shall present a copy to the Massachusetts Historical Society, with a number of original manuscripts, never published, illustrative of New England history."

Mr. Foster, it is believed, gave nothing to the press, but his valuable materials

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being convenient for him to take out of the Library a greater number of books than is usually permitted to members, and the Society wishing to afford him every aid within their power; therefore,

Voted, That he be allowed to take out such books and documents as the Librarian and Recording Secretary shall think proper.

Voted, That Dr. Dexter have leave to take out of the Library the four volumes of Andrews's History of the American War.

Nominations: John Adams, LL.D., President of the United States, a Resident Member, by James Sullivan; His Excellency Caleb Strong, Esq., Governor of the Commonwealth, a Resident Member, by Peter Thacher; Thomas L. Winthrop, Esq., a Resident Member, by George Richards Minot; Hon. Theodore Foster, Esq., of Providence, a Corresponding Member, by James Freeman.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, July 31, 1800, — the members present were. J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Lincoln, Minot, Morse, Price, Quincy, Spooner, J. Sullivan, W. Sullivan, Turell, and Webster.

JOHN ADAMS, LL.D., President of the United States, and His Excellency CALEB STRONG, Esq., Governor of the Commonwealth, were chosen Resident Members.

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were subsequently used by the late Judge Staples, in his "Annals of the Town of Providence," mention of which is made in the preface to that work.

Mr. Hopkins's "Account of Providence" was subsequently inserted in 2 Mass. Hist. Soc. Collections, IX. 166–203. — EDS.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 28, 1800, — the members present were, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Holmes, Morse, Pearson, Perkins, Quincy, and Winthrop.

Voted, That the President, Judge Tudor, and Judge Minot be a committee to join a committee of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, for the purpose of petitioning the General Court that they would grant to the two Societies the plates of the maps of the State, after the several branches of the Government have been supplied with the requisite number of copies.

Voted, That Mr. Pearson have leave to take out of the Library Ebeling's map of the District of Maine.

Thomas L. Winthrop, Esq., of Boston, was chosen a Resident Member; Hon. Theodore Foster, Esq., of Providence, was chosen a Corresponding Member.*

QUARTERLY MEETING, January, 1801.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 27, 1801, — the members present were, D. Davis, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Gannett, Harris, Holmes, Kirkland, Mellen, Minot, Morse, Pearson, Prince, J. Sullivan, W. Sullivan, Thacher, Tudor, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

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* Marston Watson, of Boston, who was chosen a member in April, 1800 died in August of the same year. A memoir of him, by Judge Davis, is in Vol VIII. of the Collections, pp. 80, 81. — Eds.

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Voted, That Messrs. J. Davis, Kirkland, and Thacher be a committee to consider what acknowledgment shall be made to the gentlemen who presented the room to the Society.

Voted, That the Treasurer be requested to employ a person to carry to the subscribers the volumes of the Collections, and receive the money.

Nominations: John L. Sullivan, Esq., of Boston, a Resident Member, by Dr. Thacher; Elias Haskett Derby, Esq., of Salem, a Resident Member, by Dr. Eliot; Rev. Zephaniah Willis, of Kingston, a Resident Member, by J. Davis, Esq.; Rev. Thomas Hall, Chaplain of the British Factory at Leghorn, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Bentley.

The following donations have been received since the meeting of January 28, 1800: —

For the Collections: —

Original Letters of Hume, Robertson, Armstrong, Garrick, and John Gray, to Dr. Smollet. Presented by the Rev. Thomas Hall, Chaplain of the English Factory at Leghorn.*

History of Cambridge, by Rev. Abiel Holmes.†

Imports and Exports of the Island of Newfoundland for the year 1799. Presented by Rev. James Freeman.†

Several volumes of Manuscripts, containing Letters from Committees of Correspondence, of Donations, &c., from 1763 to 1775. Presented by John Avery, Esq.‡

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* The Rev. Thomas Hall was an American, born in Philadelphia. He continued an earnest friend of the Society, and made valuable contributions to its Cabinet and Library. At one time he made a gift of coins and medals. A number of his letters to Dr. Eliot, the Corresponding Secretary, written from Leghorn, are on the files of the Society. — EDS.

† Printed in Vol. VII. of the Collections. — EDS.

‡ In a letter accompanying these volumes, under date of "Boston, Oct. 24, 1800," addressed to the Hon. George Richards Minot, Esq., Mr. Avery writes:

"The two volumes which I have the honor to present to the Historical Society will give you some idea of the spirit that actuated the inhabitants, not only of the town of Boston, but the whole American continent at that time. One of which volumes contains letters directed to the Committee of Donations appointed by the town of Boston to distribute them to such tradesmen and others of said town suffering under the unprecedented and cruel edict of the British Parliament for shutting up the harbor of Boston. The other volume

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For the Library: —

History of Epidemic and Pestilential Diseases. Two volumes. By Noah Webster. From the author.

Fiddes's Life of Cardinal Wolsey, folio, London, 1726, and Courier de l'Europe, 4to, 1777, from Mr. Edward Davis.

Bishop Fotherby's Atheomastix, folio, London, 1622, from Mr. John Hay, of Charlestown.

Dutch Bible, from Mr. John Bright.

Washington: an Historical Discourse, by George Richards; and the Columbian Centinel, for 1800. From Major Benjamin Russell.

The Massachusetts Mercury, for 1800, from Messrs. Young & Minns.

Independent Chronicle, for 1800, from Messrs. Adams & Rhodes.

Journal de Paris, 1798, and Chronique Universelle, 1798, from Mr. William Lee.

Discourse on the Character of General Washington, by Enos Hitchcock, D.D. From the author.

Mr. Holmes's Century Sermon, President Willard's Address, and Dr. Tappan's Discourse on the Death of General Washington. From Rev. Abiel Holmes.

The Gazette of the United States, for 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792, and 1793, from Joseph Barrell, Esq.

Browne's Almanack, London, 1628, from Mr. Thomas Bartlett.

A large number of Boston Newspapers, from Deacon Joseph Nye.

Dr. Thacher's Century Sermon, from the author.

Mr. Emerson's Discourse before the Roxbury Charitable Society, from the author.

Dr. Lathrop's Century Sermon, from the author.

East Apthorp's Sermon at the Opening of the Church in Cambridge, 1761, from Mr. Joseph Coolidge.

Bellamy's True Religion Delineated, 8vo, Boston, 1750; Thomas Paine's Ordination Sermon, Weymouth, 1719; John Brown's Sermon, Newbury, Newton, 1728; Account of the French Prophets, 1742; Gilbert Tennent, Harmonious, 1743; David McGregore's Sermon, Boston, 1747; Porter's Reply to Briant's Remarks, 1751; Niles's Vindication of Gospel Doctrines, in answer to Briant, 1752; and Mellen's Sermon at the Ordination of L. W. From Rev. Levi Whitman.

Andrews's Eulogy on General Washington; Whitney's Sermon at the Ordination of his Son at Quincy; Levi Whitman's Sermon on the Death of Captain Chipman; Register of the Times, seven volumes, 8vo, London, 1794 and 1795; Wayne's Federal Gazette; and Thomas Thacher's Two Discourses, delivered at Peterborough. From Rev. James Freeman.

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contains their acknowledgments to their brethren of these States for the liberal donations received from them. You will also permit me to present the said Society copies of certain letters to and from committees of correspondence as early as the year 1763.

"Should these volumes meet with the acceptance of the much respected Historical Society, it will afford me the highest gratification." See 4 Collections, IV. 1-278. — Eds.

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Historia de Philippines, por Pedro Velarde. From Rev. William Bentley.

Naval Chronology, containing the most early Voyages to the coasts of Africa and America, from Mr. Charles Willis.

The Monthly Magazine and Review, New York, for 1799 and 1800, from Rev. Samuel Miller, of New York.

The tenth, eleventh, and twelfth numbers of Olivarius's Le Nord Littéraire, from Professor Ebeling.

Perry's Election Sermon, Hartford, 1775; Smalley's Election Sermon, 1800; Welles's Sermon on the Death of Noah Hobart; and William Pitt Beers's Oration on Washington. From Rev. Andrew Eliot.

Strong's Sermon on the Death of Governor Huntington; Backus's Sermon on the Death of Governor Wolcott; General Huntington's Eulogium on Washington; and seven other Orations and Sermons, pronounced after the death of that illustrious man. From Rev. David McClure.

Ramsay's Oration on Independence, July 4, 1778, the first ever delivered on that occasion; Ramsay's Oration on the Death of Washington; and Pringle's Oration, South Carolina, July 4, 1800. From Dr. Ramsay.

An English Translation of Sarate's History of Peru; a French Translation of Garcilasso de la Vega's History of Peru; and Novus Orbis Regionum, folio edition. From Rev. Dr. Erskine, of Edinburgh.

Purchas's Pilgrims. Vol. II.

Hamilton's Letters, from Mr. Elisha Sigourney.

Sundry Newspapers, for 1793 and 1794, from Mr. John Lane.

America Painted to the Life, by Ferdinando Gorges; Wonder-Working Providence; and Life of Increase Mather, by Cotton Mather. From Master Samuel Snelling.

Spectator, for 1800, from E. Belden & Co., New York.

Massachusetts Spy, for 1800, from Isaiah Thomas, Esq.

A number of Books and Pamphlets, from Mrs. Margaret Winslow.

History of the War, from 1749 to 1763; Results of Three Synods in Massachusetts; and Hubbard's History of Indian Wars.

Laws of the United States, Vol. IV., and Laws of the United States, from Dec. 4, 1799, to April 16, 1800, from the Legislature of Massachusetts.

For the Cabinet: —

Heads of Indian Arrows, from David Nye, Esq. of Falmouth.

Dress of an Esquimau Woman, a curious Sword, and a piece of Lava from Sandwich Bay, from Joseph Tucker, Esq.

Two Lady's Work Bags, a Fishing Net, three Fish Hooks, and two Lip Pieces, from the north-west coast of America; an Ornament for the Head and two pieces of Cloth, from the Sandwich Islands; a pair of Kamtschatka Boots, three Bills of the Albatross; Skin of young Penguin; three Sea Shells; and several other articles. Wings and Feet of the following Birds: Sea Eagle, *Falco Ossifragus*, Linnæus; Hern or Heron, *Ardea Major*, Linn.; Sea Loon, *Colymbus Immer*, Linn.; G. Diver; Coot Duck, *Anas Nigra;* Black Duck; Snipe, *Scolopax;* Plover, *Charadrius Plurialis*, Linn.; Sand Bird; Little Sandpiper; Beetle-head, *Charadrius Calidris*, Linn.; Sanderling; Little Auk, called Ice Bird, *Alca Alle*, Linn.; Sheldrake, *Anas Tadorna*, Linn.; Smew, *Mergus Albellus*, called vulgarly Lord Lough Diver; Great Spot-

ted Woodpecker, *Pica Major;* Sea Pigeon; Pippet Grebe, *Colymbus Urinator* of Pennant and Linnæus; The Old Wife, male and female, two preserved entire; Sea Duck; Black Guillemot; Greenland Dove, or Sea Turtle, *Colymbus Grylle;* Gray Owl, *Strix Ulula*, Linn. The following Birds preserved entire: Greatest Speckled Diver, of the genus *Colymbus;* Golden-eye Duck, *Anas Clangula*, Linn.; Gray Duck; Green-headed Duck; Spotted Duck; White Gull; Gray Gull; Red-headed Goose; Widgeon; Kingfisher; Crested Titmouse; Fresh-water Loon; The Alca, an East India bird; the Old Wife, taken abroad. Also, Jaws of the Toad Fish; Crystal from the interior country; Indian Blow-gun and Arrows; Oil Dish and Fish Hook from the Sandwich Islands; both the Horns of the Rhinoceros; and the Portrait, by Smibert, of Mary Davis, who died at Newton, 1752, *æt.* 116. From Rev. William Bentley.

An European Scalp, received from an Indian on the north-west coast of America, from Captain T. Roan.

The oldest Map of New England, cut on a wooden plate; from Isaac Mansfield, Esq. *

Indian Hatchet, made of stone.

Picture of Ben. Jonson, from Mr. John Duggan.

Six Prints of the Ruins of Pompeii, three pieces of Lava, Inkstand made of lava, a specimen of the ancient Plastering and Painting in Fresco, and pieces of Marble which formed the mosaic work in the flooring of the Temple of Isis. From Captain Gamaliel Bradford.

A Stake taken out of a Pit sunk by the British Troops on Boston Neck, 1775, and a piece of the Keel of a Ship, pierced by Worms. From Colonel Josiah Waters.

ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1801.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 28, 1801, — the members present were, Bartlett, A. Bradford, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Kirkland, Morse, Quincy, Spooner, Thacher, J. Winthrop.

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers: —

* The title to this map is, "A Map of New England, being the first that ever was here cut," &c. It is a woodcut, and was engraved for Hubbard's "Narrative of the Troubles with the Indians," &c. Boston, 1677. — Eds.

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JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
WILLIAM TUDOR	"	TREASURER.
JOHN ELIOT	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
JAMES FREEMAN	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOHN T. KIRKLAND	"	LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL TURELL	"	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES WINTHROP PETER THACHER REDFORD WEBSTER JOHN DAVIS JOSIAH QUINCY	were chosen .	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Voted, That the Committee appointed to consider what acknowledgment shall be made to the gentlemen who presented the room be allowed further time.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN, Esq., of Boston, ELIAS HASKETT DERBY, Esq.,* of Salem, and Rev. ZEPHANIAH WILLIS, of Kingston, were chosen Resident Members. Rev. THOMAS HALL was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Nominations: Rev. William Emerson, of Boston, a Resident Member, by Dr. Dexter; Rev. John Snelling Popkin, of Boston, a Resident Member, by Dr. Morse.†

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, July 13, ‡ 1801, — the members present were, J. Davis, Eliot, J. Freeman, Kirkland, Lothrop, Morse, Quincy, J. Sullivan, and Turell.

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* Mr. Derby accepted, but his membership ceased the same year. — EDS.

† Thomas Brattle, chosen a member in April, 1797, died Feb. 7, 1801. A notice of him, by John Mellen, Jr., is in Vol. VIII. of the Collections, pp. 82–85. — EDS.

‡ This special meeting appears to have taken the place of the regular quarterly meeting, which, according to the vote on p. 99, should have been held on the 16th, the day after Commencement. — EDS.

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The following Resolve of the General Court was read: —

"*Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

"In Senate, June 19, 1801.

"*Resolved*, That the copper plates engraved for the map of this Commonwealth be, and hereby are, granted to the Academy of Arts and Sciences and to the Massachusetts Historical Society, together with the copyright of printing, publishing, and vending the same, at the expense of said Societies, for the term of fourteen years from the passing of this Resolve, the profits arising therefrom to be equally divided between said Societies, and applied by them for the benefit of their respective institutions, as they shall judge best for the advancement of science and the reputation of their country. Provided, that the said Societies shall order first to be struck off from the plates aforesaid four hundred sets of maps for the use of the Commonwealth, to be disposed of as the Legislature shall hereafter direct; and, after having the same pasted on cloth of the same kind with those before provided for the use of this State, shall deliver the same to the Secretary of this Commonwealth, on or before the first day of January next. And as soon as said four hundred sets of maps shall be completed and delivered as aforesaid, the Governor, with the advice of the Council, is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for payment of the same, at the first cost of the paper, printing, cloth, and pasting, as aforesaid.*

"Concurred by the House of Representatives, and approved by the Governor, June 19, 1801."

Thereupon,

Voted, That the donation of the General Court of the plates for printing a map of the Commonwealth be accepted, and that Dr. Morse, Judge Tudor, and Mr. Kirkland be a committee to unite with any committee appointed by the Academy of Arts and Sciences to pursue and fulfil the conditions of the Resolve in a manner which they shall find to be most for the interest of the Societies, either by selling the plates, or printing a number of copies.

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* The following is the title of the map referred to: "Map of Massachusetts Proper, compiled from Actual Surveys made by Order of the General Court, and under the inspection of Agents of their appointment. By Osgood Carleton Engraved by Joseph Callender and Samuel Hill. Boston, 1801."

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Rev. William Emerson and Rev. John Snelling Popkin, of Boston, were chosen Resident Members.

Nominations: Charles Bulfinch, Esq., of Boston, a Resident Member, by the President; Rev. Timothy Alden, of Portsmouth, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Eliot.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Aug. 20, 1801, — the members present were, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, Morse, Prince, J. Sullivan, Thacher, Tudor, and T. L. Winthrop.*

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the Hon. Judge Sullivan for his generous donation of the copyright of a book, entitled "The History of Land Titles in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Thomas Wallcut for his donation of the sum due to him for copying the said book.†

Voted, That the President, the Treasurer, Judge Minot, the Corresponding Secretary, and Dr. Morse be a committee to receive all the volumes of the Collections from the printer, and to convey them to the Society's room; also, to take an account of them, with a regular statement of the disposal of the same.

Voted, That the Committee appointed to consider in what manner the plates for the map of the Commonwealth shall be disposed of be desired to meet on that business; that they be directed not to sell them, but to conform to a vote of the Academy of Arts and Sciences, so far as they think will serve the mutual interest of the Societies.

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* The second initial letter in Mr. T. L. Winthrop's name is often omitted in the record. We have supplied it. — Eds.

† Judge Sullivan wrote that the value of "Brother Wallcut's donation" was forty dollars. — Eds.

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SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Sept. 25, 1801, — the members present were, J. Davis, Eliot, J. Freeman, Kirkland, Minot, Spooner, Tudor, and T. L. Winthrop.

Voted, That the publication of the eighth volume of the Collections be suspended till further order of the Society.

Voted, That Judge Tudor, Judge Minot, and Judge Davis be a committee to confer with Judge Sullivan and with the printers, Thomas & Andrews, respecting the History of Land Titles, and to devise and propose such measures respecting the disposal of it as they shall deem expedient, and to report at the adjournment.

Adjourned to Thursday, October 1, at three P.M.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a special meeting * of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 1, 1801, — the members present were, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Holmes, Quincy, James Sullivan, Tudor, Turell, Webster, and J. Winthrop.

Rev. TIMOTHY ALDEN was chosen a Corresponding Member. CHARLES BULFINCH, Esq., was chosen a Resident Member.

Voted, That in consideration of the generous donation of the Library room to the Society by Mr. Bulfinch, he be exempted from

* This can hardly be called a "special meeting" of the Society. It was an adjourned meeting, and it appears to have taken the place of the quarterly meeting in that month, which, by the By-Laws, was appointed to be held on the last Tuesday. — EDS.

paying eight dollars on his admission, and also from the annual payments of two dollars.

Voted, That Judge Davis, Mr. Quincy, Judge Minot, with the Treasurer, be a committee to superintend and direct the sale of the impression of Sullivan's History of Land Titles, the property of the Society; that they be empowered to make a liberal allowance, according to their discretion, in the sale of any number of copies to booksellers and others; and to report at the next meeting such measures as they shall consider it most advisable for the Society to adopt relative to said impression.*

Voted, That Dr. Morse, Judge Tudor, and Mr. Kirkland be a committee to join with a committee of the Academy to inspect the maps of the State as they are published.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1802.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 26, 1802, — the members present were, G. Bradford, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, Fiske, J. Freeman, Holmes, Kirkland, Morse, Popkin, Quincy, Spooner, James Sullivan, W. Sullivan, Tudor, and Webster.

Voted, That a set of the Collections be transmitted by the Corresponding Secretary to the American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia.

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* The contract between James Sullivan and Thomas & Andrews, relating to the printing of the "History of Land Titles," reciting that the copyright is in the Society, is on file. Judge Sullivan very naturally felt that the Society would profit by their ownership of this book. A few years before, he had sold the copyright of his "History of the District of Maine," and generously given the proceeds to the Society. When the bills for printing the "History of Land Titles" came in, the Society was unable to meet them, as the sales were inadequate for the purpose; and money had to be raised by the indorsement of a member. Letters on file show that the matter occasioned considerable anxiety, and the question arose as to the Society's responsibility in case of ultimate loss. How the matter resulted it does not appear, as the books of the Treasurer are burned. — EDS.

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Voted, That the Committee of Publications be enjoined to publish a volume of the Collections as early as the first of January, 1803.

Voted, That Mr. Freeman be requested to write memoirs of the life of Judge Minot, to be published in the next volume of the Collections.*

Voted, That the gentlemen of Cambridge, members of the Society, be requested to furnish sketches of the life of Major Brattle.

Voted, That Judge Davis be requested to furnish a sketch of the life of Marston Watson, Esq.†

Nominations: John Newman, M.D., of Salisbury, North Carolina, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Morse; John Quincy Adams, Esq., of Boston, a Resident Member, by Mr. Quincy.

The following donations have been made to the Society since the meeting of January 27, 1801: —

For the Collections: —

A Manuscript of Jeremiah Dummer, Esq. Presented by Hon. Samuel Dexter.

A Poem on the Powder Plot, written 1669, by Thomas Bailey, and an Account of the author. Presented by Mr. Nathaniel Willis.

Account of Williams College, by President Fitch.‡

Letter concerning the Historians of New York and some late Literary Institutions, by Dr. S. L. Mitchill.

Biographical Sketches, Indian Deeds, and Letters from Mr. Neal to Mr. Foxcroft. Presented by Isaac Mansfield, Esq.

For the Library: —

Journals of Congress, President's Messages, Reports of the Secretary of the Treasury, Reports of the Secretary of State, Reports of the Secretary of War, Reports of the Secretary of the Navy, and Reports of Committees of Congress, &c., for 1800 and 1801. From Oliver Wolcott, Esq.

History of Land Titles, by James Sullivan, Esq. From the author.

Quick's History of the Reformed Churches in France, from Mr. Clap.

The Geography of the United States, by Professor Ebeling, of Hamburgh. From the author.

Trumbull's Century Sermon, Sermon on the Death of General Washington, Account of Connecticut Missions. From the author.

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* George Richards Minot, one of the founders of the Society, died on the second of this month. Dr. Freeman's memoir of him is in Vol. VIII. of the Collections, pp. 86–109. — Eds.

† Reference has already been made to the memoirs of these two deceased members. — Eds.

‡ See Vol. VIII. of the Collections, p. 47. — Eds.

A Comparative View of the Constitutions of the United States, by William Smith, Esq.; Address to the Citizens of South Carolina on the Election of President and Vice-President; and Answer to a Dialogue between a Federalist and Republican. From Mr. Desaussure, of South Carolina.

Olivier Dapper's Description of Africa, from M. Journelle.

E. Adams's Sermon on the Death of Governor Saltonstall; a volume of Sermons on the Death of George I., by the Ministers of Boston; Mayhew's Indian Converts; Livingston's Oration on the Death of President Burr. From Mr. Benjamin Blake.

Abeel's Missionary Sermon and several Pamphlets, from Rev. Samuel Miller, of New York.

Trumbull's Election Sermon, 1801, from Rev. Andrew Eliot, of Fairfield.

Dr. John Lathrop's Century Sermon, from the author.

Alden's Century Sermon, from the author.

McClure's Sermon on the Death of General Washington, from the author.

Ramsay's Oration upon the Improvements in Medicine during the Eighteenth Century, from the author.

Emmons's and Niles's Sermons before the Massachusetts Missionary Society, from Deacon John Simkins.

Papers relative to the Official Conduct of Governor Sargent, from Rev. Mr. Murray.

Farewell Address to his Parish in Limerick, Ireland, by John Bayley, Assistant Minister of the First Church in Boston. From Mr. Nathaniel Willis, Jr.

Supplement to a Memoir concerning the Fascinating Faculty ascribed to the Rattlesnake and other American Serpents, by Dr. Barton, of Philadelphia. From the author.

Churchman's Magnetick Atlas, with a Pamphlet giving an explanation of it, from the author.

Farnham on the Prophecies, Strong's Century Sermon, Backus's Century Sermon, Griswold's Eulogy on Washington, and an Address of the Connecticut Missionary Society. From Rev. David McClure.

Elisha Lee's Oration in Honor of General Washington, from Mr. H. Willard.

Dr. Joseph Lathrop's Century Sermon, from Justin Ely, Esq.

Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, four volumes, from the Society.

Raleigh's History of the World, two volumes, from Captain Benjamin Hammatt.

Histoire de l'Amérique Septentrionale depuis 1534. Par M. de Bacqueville de la Potherie. 4 tomes. From Messrs. Isaac & John Parker.

Wetmore's Oration on General Washington, from Mr. David Jones Waters.

A volume of Sermons, from Mr. Joseph Peirce.

A volume of Pamphlets relative to American Taxation, from Hon. Samuel Dexter.

Governor Sargent's Vindication, from the author.

Institution of the Cincinnati, from the Society of Cincinnati of Massachusetts.

Telemachus, Low's Poems, two volumes, and Honeywood's Poems. From Messrs. T. & J. Swords.

The Columbian Centinel, for 1801, from Major Russell.

The Palladium, for 1801, from Messrs. Young & Minns.

The Independent Chronicle, for 1801, from Messrs. Adams & Rhodes.

The Worcester Gazette, for 1801, from Mr. Isaiah Thomas.

The Spectator, for 1801, from E. Belden & Co., New York.

The Tablet, from Mr. Charles Pierpont.

Interesting Tracts relating to Jamaica previous to and since its reduction by the English, from Mr. Thomas Pemberton.

Campbell's Sermon before the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge, 1800. Edinburgh. From the Society.

A volume containing Election, Funeral, and Military Sermons. Boston, 1687 to 1696. From Rev. Dr. Thacher.

A volume containing Sermons on the Great Snow, 1717; on a Thunder Storm; on the Earthquake, 1727, &c.; and Mr. Thomas Thacher's Sermon at the Ordination of Mr. Tuckerman. From Rev. James Freeman.

Election, Funeral, and other Occasional Discourses; Political Pamphlets, and files of old Newspapers, &c. From John Phillips, Esq.

A volume of the Journals of Congress, 1776, from Dr. Samuel Miller.

Catalogues of the Library and of the Graduates of Williams College, from Rev. President Fitch.

Collections of Engravings from the Vases, &c., discovered in the two Sicilies and near Naples, from 1780 to 1790, now in the possession of Sir William Hamilton. Vol. I., folio. From Mr. John Kettell.

For the Cabinet: —

A Shilling of the first coinage in New England, marked N. E.; a Shilling, Sixpence, Threepence, and Twopence, with the stamp of the Pine Tree; a sheet of the old Emission Money, from five to sixty dollars, 1775; Copper Coins; an Iguana; two Eggs of the Ostrich; a Concha Veneris, and other Shells; a Bow from the North-west Coast; several articles from the Sandwich Islands; and curious Pipes from different parts of the World. From Rev. Dr. Eliot.

Mohegan Spikes or Spears, found at New Utrecht, the west end of Long Island, August, 1801. From Dr. Samuel L. Mitchill.

A Copper Coin of Queen Christina of Sweden, 1651, lately dug out of a cellar in Albany, where Fort Orange formerly stood, from Mr. Ebenezer T. Andrews.

A specimen of Petrifactions found in the rivers of Kentucky, from Dr. Brown, of Lexington, Kentucky.

ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1802.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 27, 1802, — the members present were, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Holmes, Morse, Pemberton, Popkin, and Quincy.

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers: —

JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen	President.
WILLIAM TUDOR	"	Treasurer.
JOHN ELIOT	"	Corresponding Secretary.
JAMES FREEMAN	"	Recording Secretary.
JOHN T. KIRKLAND	"	Librarian.
SAMUEL TURELL	"	Cabinet-Keeper.
JAMES WINTHROP PETER THACHER REDFORD WEBSTER JOHN DAVIS JOSIAH QUINCY	were chosen .	Standing Committee.

Voted, That a complete set of the Historical Collections, handsomely bound and lettered, be presented to the University of Harvard by the President of the Society.

John Newman, M.D., of Salisbury, North Carolina, was chosen a Corresponding Member. Hon. John Quincy Adams, Esq., of Boston, was chosen a Resident Member.

Nominations: Rev. Ezra Sampson, of Hudson, New York, a Corresponding Member, by Judge Davis; John Vaughan, Esq., of Philadelphia, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Kirkland.

Voted, That Samuel Turell be allowed the use of articles of the following description, to be deposited in a Cabinet of Natural History, which he proposes to establish in the town of Boston, viz.: All such specimens of birds, fishes, and animals as require peculiar care to prevent their falling to decay; one set of all articles of which the Society

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have duplicates; and any other articles, on special occasions, which a committee of the Society, to be appointed for that purpose, shall think proper to deliver to him, — the committee to take a receipt from him of all articles thus loaned as aforesaid, and that all articles thus loaned be returned when required by said committee or by the Society: and that Mr. Turell be held responsible for all loss and injury which may happen to the property of the Society in his hands.

Voted, That the two Secretaries and the Librarian be a committee for the above purpose.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Aug. 26,* 1802, — the members present were, J. Q. Adams, Bulfinch, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Holmes, Quincy, James Sullivan, John L. Sullivan, Tudor, and Turell.

Voted, That Messrs. Quincy, J. Q. Adams, and J. Davis be a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and report on the state of the Treasury.

Voted, That this Committee report to the Standing Committee.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to appoint a person to assist in the collection of the assessments and other moneys due to the Society.

Voted, That a communication made by Judge Winthrop be committed to the Publishing Committee.

Rev. Ezra Sampson and John Vaughan, Esq., were chosen Corresponding Members.

Nomination: William Barton, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. John L. Sullivan.†

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* As Commencement Day was this year changed from the third Wednesday in July to the last Wednesday in August, this meeting was called for the day following, agreeably to the vote on p. 99. — Eds.

† Ezekiel Price, who was chosen a member in April, 1793, died July 15, 1802. A brief notice of him, by Thomas Dawes, Jr., is in Vol. VIII. of the Collections, p. 85. His Diary from May, 1775, to August, 1776, is printed in the Proceedings for November, 1863. — Eds.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 26, 1802, — the members present were, J. Q. Adams, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Kirkland, Popkin, Quincy, Tudor, Turell, and T. L. Winthrop.

Judge DAVIS, Mr. EMERSON, Dr. KIRKLAND, and Mr. QUINCY were chosen a committee to superintend the publication of the ninth volume of the Society's Collections.

Voted, That Messrs. J. Q. Adams, J. Freeman, and Emerson be a committee to inquire whether the volumes of the Society's Collections which are out of print shall be reprinted.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Stephen Higginson, Jr., for the very valuable donation of books made by him to the Library.

WILLIAM BARTON was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Nomination: Mr. Stephen Higginson, Jr., a Resident Member, by Dr. Kirkland.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1803.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 25, 1803, — the members present were, Bartlett, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, Fiske, J. Freeman, Harris, Homer, Kirkland, Pearson, Quincy, Spooner, Turell, Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

Voted, That Judge Davis, Dr. Eliot, and Dr. Dexter be a committee to consider the expediency of altering and amending the Constitution of the Society respecting the nomination of members.

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[illegible] MEETING.

[illegible] Massachusetts Historical [illegible] members present were [illegible] J. Freeman, [illegible] and T. L. Winthrop.

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[illegible] the Society [illegible] very valuable donation of books made by [illegible]

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[illegible] Mr. Stephen Higginson, Jr., a Resident [illegible] Dr. Kirkland.

[illegible] MEETING, January [illegible]

[illegible] the Massachusetts Historical Society, [illegible] the members present were [illegible] J. [illegible], Dr. [illegible], Eliot, Emerson, [illegible] J. Freeman, [illegible] Kirkland, Pearson, Quincy, [illegible] Tuttle, Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

[illegible] Dr. Eliot and Dr. [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] the Society [illegible] nominations [illegible]

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FAC-SIMILE OF HAND WRITING OF PETER THACHER.

The standing committee of the historical society beg leave to report
That they have examined the state of the libra-ry and museum, and found it as good as usual. Additions have been made to both since the last meeting, an account of which the secretary will lay before you.
They are sorry to say, that the finances of the society appear to be in a disordered state, and they recommend to the society to appoint a special committee who may examine into their state, and report to the society what sums are due from the members on assessment and what methods it may be proper for the society to take to relieve themselves from their present embarrassment.
All which is submitted.

Peter Thacher, by order

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Voted, That Judge Davis, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Turell, and Mr. T. L. Winthrop be a committee to consider the expediency of establishing a museum in Boston in connection with other Societies and individuals.

Voted, That the Treasurer be requested to settle all arrearages due to the Society as soon as possible.

Mr. Stephen Higginson, Jr., was chosen a Resident Member.*

The following donations have been made to the Society since the meeting of January 26, 1802: —

For the Collections: —

Historical Account of John Eliot, the first Minister of the Church in Roxbury, by Rev. John Eliot, D.D.
Topographical and Historical Account of Marblehead, by the same.
Memoirs of Rev. Dr. Thacher, by the same.
Bill of Mortality of Middleborough, by Hon. Isaac Thomson, Esq.
Biographical Notices of Marston Watson, Esq., by Hon. John Davis, Esq.
Sketch of the Life and Character of Thomas Brattle, Esq., by Rev. John Mellen, Jr.
Character of Hon. George Richards Minot, Esq., by Rev. James Freeman.
Description of the Eastern Coast of the County of Barnstable, by the same.
Note on Falmouth, by the same.
Description of Dennis, by the same.
Note on the South Parts of Yarmouth and Barnstable, by the same.
Note on the South Precinct of Harwich, by the same.
Description of Chatham, by the same.
Description and History of Eastham, by the same.
Description of Orleans, by the same.
Description of Provincetown, by the same.
Notes on Mourt's Journal of Plantation settled at Plymouth, and on Edward Winslow's Relation of Things Remarkable in Plymouth, by the same.
Description of Sandwich, by Wendell Davis, Esq.
Note on Wellfleet, by Rev. Levi Whitman.†

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* Rev. Peter Thacher, D.D., one of the original members of the Society, died Dec. 16, 1802. A memoir of him, by the Rev. John Eliot, D.D., is in Vol. VIII. of the Collections, pp. 277–284. — Eds.

† The several papers above named are printed in Vol. VIII. of the Collections. The most of them are from the pen of the Rev. James Freeman, the Recording Secretary, who, in the preceding summer or autumn, passed several weeks on Cape Cod in historical and topographical explorations. The following letter to Dr. Eliot was written during his absence: —

"Provincetown, Sept. 7, 1802.

"Dear Friend, — I have passed over interesting ground to this place, and have frequently wished that you and Judge Davis were with me. I have traced

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Memorandum, accompanying six small pieces of Copper found at Medford, by Hon. James Winthrop, Esq.

Specimens of the Indian Language in Nantucket, by Messrs. R. Macy and R. Mitchell.

An original Letter in Dutch to Governor Endicott, July 14, 1660. Presented by Mr. William Coffin, Jr.

An original Deed of Conveyance of the place called Pakummohquoh, east end of Nantucket, from Wenachmanak, a sachem, to Tristram Coffin and Thomas Macy, dated June, 1662. Presented by William Folger, Jr.

For the Library: —

Dr. Anderson's Life of Smollet, from the author.

Memoirs of Thomas Hollis, Esq., two volumes, 4to; Aristotle's Works, ten volumes, folio; Plato's Works; Large English Bible; Ostervald's French Bible; Diodati's Italian Bible; Spanish Bible; and Bandinelli, Academico Spensierato detto il Ripercosso (MS.). From Rev. Thomas Hall and others at Leghorn.*

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the footsteps of the Plymoutheans, and Mourt's narrative has now no obscurity. Enthusiastic rapture, such as a true antiquarian only can feel, has several times filled my heart when I have seen how accurately every place is described. To-morrow I begin my journey homewards, and intend to pass several days at Eastham, Orleans, and Chatham, that I may, if possible, obtain correct accounts of those towns. I have already gathered much information respecting Dennis, and a valuable paper from the records of Plymouth. As I shall be absent three Sundays, I hope you or Kirkland or Emerson will be able to preach for me.

"I am, with great affection, yours, J. FREEMAN."

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* The following paper, on file, in the handwriting of Mr. Hall, and also a letter from him, accompanied these books: —

"We, the subscribers, desirous of promoting the interest and welfare of our country, request the Rev. Thomas Hall to lay out, in whatsoever he may think proper, the several sums which we have set down, for the benefit of the Historical Society in the town of Boston, of which he is a member.

"LEGHORN, December 31, 1801.

"THOMAS HALL	Dollars,	7.	Paid.
THOMAS WINSLOW	"	10.	"
JOHN AMORY	"	5.	"
JOHN BELKNAP	"	5.	"
THO. ENGLISH	"	5.	"
ISAAC PHILLIPS	"	5.	"
EBEN. BAKER	"	5.	"
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"A list of books purchased with the above money" then follows, corresponding to the record, with the addition of the following, which is still in the Library: "Dell' Eneide di Virgilio del Commendatore Annibal Caro (an

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Collection of State Tracts, three volumes, folio, from Hon. Daniel Howard, Esq.

Transactions of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, from the Society.

Fifth volume of the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia, from the Society.

Papers of the Agricultural Society of Massachusetts, from the Society.

Strabonis Geographia, folio, two volumes; Cluveri Geographia, 4to; Pomponius Mela de Situ Orbis; Perouse's Voyages, four volumes, with an Atlas; Pigafetta's Voyage, 1519–1522; De Lisle's Atlas; La Hontan's Voyages, two volumes; Frezier's Voyage to the South Sea; Robert's Voyage to Cape Verde; Condamine's Voyage; Gage's Survey of the West Indies; Buccaneers of America; Conquest of Florida; Description of East Florida; Adair's American Indians; Long's Travels in North America; Four volumes of Tracts concerning the American Colonies before and since the Revolution; European Settlements, two volumes; Tarleton's Campaigns; Memoirs of the English and French Commissioners concerning the Limits of Nova Scotia, 1755; Haynes's State Papers; Gazette de Lisbon, 1753; Montlosier's Journal through France and England, three volumes; Philippe de Comines, five volumes; Vertot's Revolutions of Rome, Sweden, and Portugal, five volumes; Mirabeau's History of Berlin; Morgan's History of Algiers; Hill's Dionysius; Numismata Aurea Imperii Rom.; Wise's Numismata Bodleana; and Musée de Monumens Français, &c. From Mr. Stephen Higginson, Jr.

History of Acadie, by the Sieur Denys, Governor of that Colony, 1672; and a number of Indian Books, Deeds, &c., from the library of the late Peter Mica, an Indian of Nantucket. From Mr. Walter Folger, Jr.

Copy in manuscript of the ancient Laws of New York, while Nantucket was under the jurisdiction of that State, from Mr. Charles Folger.

A Book brought out of Wales in the ancient character, from Miss Lucretia Graves.

Barton's Materia Medica, second edition, from the author.

A Tour through Holland, from Mr. Elkanah Watson.

Boston Orations, March 5; Emerson's Oration, July 4, 1802; and Emerson's Sermon on the Death of Dr. Thacher. From Rev. William Emerson.

Adams's Address to Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society, and Adams's Oration delivered at Plymouth, Dec. 22, 1802, from the author.

Burdick's Oration on the Art of Printing, from Mr. Nathaniel Willis, Jr.

Miscellaneous Sermons, two volumes, and Defoe's Jure Divino, from Rev. John S. J. Gardiner.

Dr. Cotton Mather's Convention Sermon, 1722, from Rufus Amory, Esq.

Dr. Cotton Mather's and Mr. Foxcroft's Sermons on the Death of Mr. John Coney; and T. Walter's Sermon, Thursday Lecture, 1722. From John Welles, Esq.

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ancient manuscript of a celebrated writer, of great rarity)." The "Bandinelli" is described as "a manuscript valuable specially for the beauty of the charac ter, and its high preservation." — Eds.

An Account of Connecticut Missions, 1802, from Rev. David McClure.

Dr. Thacher's Occasional Discourses, from Peter Thacher, Esq.

Sermons preached at Edinburgh, from 1791 to 1802, before the Society de Propaganda Fide, from Mr. Samuel Cooper Thacher.

Bishop of Norwich's Sermon before the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge, from Mr. David West.

Fitch's Sermon after the Earthquake, from a Friend.

Miller's Sermon before the Missionary Society of New York, from the author.

Strong's Election Sermon, at Hartford, 1802, from Rev. Andrew Eliot.

Tappan's and Baldwin's Sermons on the Death of Lieutenant-Governor Phillips; T. Thacher's Sermon at Mr. Tuckerman's Ordination; and Alden's Century Sermon. From a Friend.

Barnes's Sermon on the Death of Rev. Mr. Hawley, from Rev. Gideon Hawley.

Convention Sermon of Rev. Peter Thacher, of Milton, 1724 (MS.), from Rev. Joseph McKean.

American Review, published at New York, from Rev. Samuel Miller.

Columbian Phœnix, from Messrs. B. & J. Loring.

John Norton's Election Sermon, 1661; Sermon at the Thursday Lecture, April 2, 1663; Willard's Sermon on the Death of Lieutenant-Governor Stoughton, 1701; Stoddard on the Death of John Pynchon, Esq., 1702; and Letter of the Ministers to Sir William Ashurst concerning the Indians, 1705. From Rev. T. M. Harris.

Census of the United States, 1800, from Rev. Dr. Cutler.

The Lord's Prayer, in more than one hundred different languages; Warner's Attempt to ascertain the Situation of the ancient Clausentum; History of the Isle of Wight; Report of the Committee of Arts, to the First Consul, on the Antiquities of Egypt; and Red Book or List of Secret Pensions paid out of the Public Treasury of France under the late Monarchy. From Mr. William Coolidge.

Columbian Centinel, 1802, from Major Russell.

Boston Gazette, from Messrs. Russell & Cutler.

Palladium, from Messrs. Young & Minns.

Worcester Gazette, from Isaiah Thomas, Esq.

Independent Chronicle, from Messrs. Adams & Rhodes.

Spectator, from E. Belden & Co.

United States Oracle, from Messrs. William and Daniel Treadwell.

Balance, from Mr. Ezra Sampson.

Boston Weekly Magazine, from Messrs. Gilbert & Dean.

For the Cabinet: —

Two specimens of Silver Ore, from Peru; Specimen of Gold Ore, from the mines in Grenada, South America; An incorporated Mass of Silver and Quicksilver, brought from the mint at Lima; Specimen of Platina, in grains; an ancient Peruvian Utensil, found with the bones of a native in the interior of Peru; several specimens of Peruvian Bark; a small Chart of the Province of the Viceroy of Peru, of 1792; three Silver Medals; and one Copper Medal. From Mr. James Perkins.

Two Etruscan Stone Coffins, whose antiquity can be traced back above

three thousand years, and a Jewish Shekel, from Rev. Thomas Hall, of Leghorn.

A Suit of Clothes belonging to Dr. Franklin, and worn by him when he signed the Treaty of Alliance. From Mr. Elkanah Watson, of New York.*

Indian Stone Pipe, imitating the human form, from Mr. Daniel Tuttle.

The Barbarosa, or Indian Hog, from William Parsons, Esq.

A White Otter, from Passamaquoddy, very rare in this country, from Messrs. Henry Bass & Co.

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* These clothes, made of silk, evidently of French manufacture, are in one of the cabinets, or show-cases, of the Society. On a parchment tag attached to them Mr. Watson has written the following: —

"This may certify that in the year 1781, being at Paris, in France, the celebrated Mrs. Wright executed for me an excellent likeness in wax of the immortal Dr. Benjamin Franklin. Dining with her at the Doctor's, in Passy, and on comparing the heads, I suggested that such a head deserved a suit of his own clothes, on which he rang for his servant, directing him to bring the suit he wore (hereunto annexed) in the year of signing the famous Treaty of Alliance between France and America, in February, 1778.

"ELKANAH WATSON."

It will be observed that Mr. Watson does not say that these clothes were worn by Franklin "when he signed the Treaty of Alliance," but in that year. But the Society appear to have misinterpreted his certificate. In a subsequent letter of Mr. Watson, dated "Albany, 14th April, 1803," written to Judge Sullivan in reply to a letter of acknowledgment, he says: —

"I am honored with your polite favor of the 6th instant. I have no doubt posterity will contemplate with rapture the clothes worn by the immortal Franklin in the YEAR he signed the Treaty with France.

"I beg you will please to note in my certificate [that] the fact of his wearing these clothes related to the YEAR, not the precise time, he signed that celebrated instrument, which has and will lead to consequences which will probably affect the whole human race eventually.

"I wish I could have added to it an inimitable head of wax in which I had it dressed when in Europe, well known to Benj. Austin, Esq., —— Brewster, and several other gentlemen of Boston."

In the Memoirs of Mr. Watson, written by himself, he particularly refers to the subject of the wax head of Franklin and the clothes. "I employed Mrs. W.," he says, "to make the head of Franklin, which was often the source of much amusement to me. After it was completed, we both were invited to dine with Franklin, and I conveyed her to Passy in my carriage, she bearing the head in her lap. No sooner in presence of the Doctor, than she had placed one head by the side of the other. 'There,' she exclaimed, 'are twin brothers.' The likeness was truly admirable; and, at the suggestion of Mrs. Wright, to give it more effect, Franklin sent me a suit of silk clothes which he wore in 1778. Many years afterward, the head was broken in Albany, and the clothes I presented to the Historical Society of Massachusetts" See Men and Times of the Revolution, second edition, 1857, p. 140; Proceedings of the Society, for February, 1878, p. 50. — EDS.

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Shells found in digging a well at Nantucket, from forty-eight to fifty-two feet in the earth from Mr. Elisha Macy.

A Centipede, from Bengal, preserved in spirits, from Mr. Obed. Macy.

Specimen of Ore found near a chalk cliff in the county of Hants, Great Britain, from Mr. William Coolidge.

A Giant Clam, weighing four hundred and seventeen pounds, from Mr. Josiah Waters, Jr.

Mezzotinto Prints of Dr. Jonathan Mayhew, from Mr. James Green.

A valuable collection of Curiosities, from the north-west coast of America, from Mr. Ebenezer Dorr, Jr.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1803.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 26, 1803, — the members present were, G. Bradford, Eliot, Emerson, Kirkland, Turell, and T. L. Winthrop.

No business was done.

ADJOURNED MEETING.*

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, June 15, 1803, — the members present were, J. Q. Adams, J. Davis, Dexter, Emerson, J. Freeman, Higginson, Homer, Kirkland, Morse, Pemberton, Popkin, Quincy, Spooner, James Sullivan, William Sullivan, Turell, Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers: —

* Though this is not called the adjourned annual meeting, it must be regarded as such. — EDS.

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JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
JOSIAH QUINCY	"	TREASURER.
JOHN ELIOT	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOHN T. KIRKLAND	"	LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL TURELL	"	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES WINTHROP WILLIAM TUDOR REDFORD WEBSTER JOHN DAVIS WILLIAM EMERSON	were chosen .	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Voted, That Messrs. J. Q. Adams, Emerson, and W. Sullivan be a committee to settle with the late Treasurer, receive the books, accounts, and moneys due to the Society, and transfer them to the new Treasurer.

Voted, That Judge Davis, Dr. Eliot, and Dr. Dexter, the committee appointed in January of the present year "to consider the expediency of altering and amending the Constitution of the Society respecting the nomination of members" be requested to sit, and report at the meeting in August.

Voted, That the Committee appointed to consider the expediency of establishing a museum in Boston be discharged.

Voted, That Messrs. J. Q. Adams, J. Freeman, and Emerson, the committee appointed in October, 1802, "to inquire whether the volumes of the Society's Collections which are out of print shall be reprinted," be authorized to devise a more expedient mode than those which have been hitherto adopted, of publishing the Collections of the Society.

Dr. MORSE was added to this Committee.

Nomination: Mr. Ebenezer Grant Marsh, Tutor, of Yale College, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Emerson.

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SPECIAL MEETING.*

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Sept. 1, 1803, — the members present were, J. Q. Adams, Bentley, G. Bradford, D. Davis, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Prince, Quincy, James Sullivan, Tudor, Turell, and T. L. Winthrop.

A letter from Mr. John Vaughan, accompanying a donation of books being read, it was

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary write to Mr. Vaughan a letter of thanks for his generous donation.

The Committee appointed to inquire whether the volumes of the Society's Collections which are out of print shall be reprinted, reported that they had entered into an agreement with Messrs. Hall & Hiller, and that the following is the agreement on the part of the said Hall & Hiller: —

"Hall & Hiller agree to reprint the first three volumes of the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and to give a volume of this intended edition for a volume of the edition printed by Samuel Hall, which the Society has now on hand, the Society making the customary allowance for the difference in the size of the type, and at the same rate for as many volumes of the proposed edition as the Society may want for their members or donations. The remainder Hall & Hiller agree to buy at the price they cost the Society.

* There seems to have been great irregularity in the holding of the meetings this year. The quarterly meetings for August and October are omitted. The meetings for June and September may have been regarded as taking their places, though no rules exist for such substitution. We have designated the September meeting as a "special meeting." — EDS.

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Said Hall & Hiller agree to pay for the volumes they shall purchase of the Society within three months after they shall have complete sets for delivery. Proposals shall be very speedily issued, and the work commenced as soon as a competent number of subscribers appear to defray the expense.

(Signed) "HALL & HILLER.

"BOSTON, June 30, 1803."

And that the following is the agreement on the part of the Committee: —

"The Committee of the Historical Society authorized to effect the reprinting of the volumes of the Society's Collections which are out of print, and to devise a more expedient mode than that hitherto adopted, of publishing the said Collections, do agree with Messrs. Hall & Hiller in manner following: —

"On Messrs. Hall & Hiller's reprinting the first three volumes of the said Collections, they shall receive from the Society, in exchange for so many sets of the said reprinted volumes as the Society shall require, an equal number of volumes of those the Society have on hand, exceeding their own wants, the Society making the customary allowance for the difference in the size of the type. The said Messrs. Hall & Hiller shall receive also from the Society all the remaining volumes now on hand of the Society, and to be paid for within three months after they shall have complete sets for delivery. And the copyright of the Society to the said volumes heretofore published, and by this agreement to be reprinted, shall be, and is hereby, in consideration of the premises, sold and transferred to the said Messrs. Hall & Hiller.

(Signed) "JOHN QUINCY ADAMS,
JAMES FREEMAN,
WILLIAM EMERSON, } *Committee.*

"BOSTON, July 21, 1803."

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Thereupon,

Voted, That the agreement of the Committee with Messrs. Hall & Hiller be ratified and confirmed by the Society.

The Committee chosen at the last meeting to settle with the late Treasurer, reported that they had received from him the books, accounts, and moneys due to the Society, and that they had transferred them to the new Treasurer.*

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* Judge Tudor had been Treasurer of the Society from its organization, with the exception of three years, 1796 to 1799, when the office was filled by Judge Minot. The loss of the first account-book, as stated in a previous note, p. 34, renders it impossible to trace in detail the financial history of the Society during this period. But a partial insight into its financial condition can be obtained from memoranda in the Treasurer's files. The earliest of these is an account drawn up previously to the second meeting, and is here printed: —

"DR. *The Historical Society with* WILLIAM TUDOR [*their Treasurer*]. CR.

1791.			1791.		
Jan. 25.	To Cash paid for an account-book . . .	£0 5 9	Jan. 24.	By Cash of Hon. James Sullivan, Esq.	£1 10 0
				By do. of William Tudor	1 10 0
			Feb. 20.	By do. of Rev. James Freeman	1 10 0
			April 5.	By do. of Mr. Thos. Wallcut, for the life subscription	9 0 0
			7.	By do. of Rev. John Eliot	1 10 0
					£14 0 0
			8.	By do. of Mr. Winthrop .	1 10 0
				By do. of Rev. P. Thacher	1 10 0
					£17 0 0"

It will be observed that there is an error of £1 in the addition, and that the payment by Mr. Wallcut amounted to $30, instead of $31, as was provided for in the By-Laws. Dr. Belknap set a price on a portion of the books which he delivered to the Society, "with a view to make up the sum of thirty-four dollars, as his life subscription." (See p. 17.) The date of the payment of the admission fees of Judge Minot and Mr. Baylies does not appear. In the payment of the life subscriptions of Mr. Wallcut and Dr. Belknap, their admission fees appear to have been silently remitted.

In a memorandum, drawn up in January, 1794, it is stated that "from 25th January, 1791, to 9th January, 1794," various accounts had been paid, to the amount of £40 11*s.* 10*d.*, and the "cash received of the members during said period amounted to £59 12*s.*"

At the meeting in November, 1795, a committee was appointed "to audit the

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The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of altering the Constitution of the Society as respects the nomination of Resident Members, reported that all future nominations be made by the President and the Standing Committee, such nominations to be one meeting at least previous to the balloting by the Society.*

Voted, That this Report be accepted, and the Constitution of the Society is altered accordingly.

Treasurer's accounts, and report a state of them at the quarterly meeting in January." In accordance with this vote, an elaborate statement was prepared, showing the "balances due the Society from the members for assessments and entry money to Dec. 31, 1795." (See p. 90.) These amounted to $171, and there was a sum of $200 due from Thomas & Andrews. The debts due by the Society amounted to $162.70, leaving a balance in its favor at that time of $208.30.

Jan. 27, 1796, there was a balance in the Treasurer's hands of $38.43, and the indebtedness of the members had been reduced to $117.

Among other memoranda, of various degrees of interest, belonging to this period, is the original subscription paper, prepared in accordance with a vote of the Society, Nov. 18, 1796 (see p. 102), which is here printed: —

"For the use of the Historical Society, and for the benefit of the cause of science, we, the subscribers, will pay the sums annexed to our names, as our several proportions of *fifty dollars*, for the purchase of Des Barres's Maps of the Coast of America: —

"James Sullivan	Ten dollars.
A. Dexter	Ten dollars.
Wm. Spooner	Ten dollars.
James Perkins	Ten dollars.
Josiah Quincy	Ten dollars.

"November 18, 1796."

At the foot of the paper is the following receipt: —

"Received of Jeremy Belknap, in behalf of the Historical Society, fifty dollars, in full for three volumes of maps. Benj. Larkin.

"Jan. 23, 1797."

Attached to this paper is another, in the handwriting of Dr. Belknap, as follows: —

"We, the subscribers, promise to pay to the Treasurer of the Massachusetts

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* On a revision of the By-Laws, adopted at the October meeting in 1857, the nomination of all foreign as well as resident members was placed in the hands of the Standing Committee. — Eds.

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Voted, That Messrs. Kirkland and Eliot be a committee to procure the reprinting of the catalogue of the books belonging to the Society, and that the number shall not exceed five hundred.

Voted, That the summer quarterly meeting of the Society shall in future be holden on the Tuesday preceding Commencement.

Mr. EBENEZER GRANT MARSH was chosen a Corresponding Member. (He died on the 16th of November, 1803.)

Nomination: R. Watson, D.D., Bishop of Llandaff, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Bentley.*

Historical Society the sums annexed to our several names, for the benefit of the Society: —

"(True copy.) BOSTON, Nov. 18, 1796.

	"JAMES SULLIVAN . .	Ten dollars.	10.
	A. DEXTER	Ten dollars.	10.
	WM. SPOONER . . .	Ten dollars.	10.
	JOHN CLARKE . . .	Five dollars.	5.
	JAMES FREEMAN . .	Five dollars.	5.
	JAMES PERKINS. . .	Ten dollars.	10.
	JEREMY BELKNAP . .	Five dollars.	5.
	PETER THACHER . .	Five dollars.	5.
Paid in American Atlas.	JOHN ELIOT	Five dollars.	5.
	JOSIAH QUINCY . . .	Ten dollars.	10.
	JEDEDIAH MORSE . .	Five dollars.	5.
	JOHN T. KIRKLAND .	Five dollars.	5.
	EZEKIEL PRICE. . .	Ten dollars.	10.
	DANIEL DAVIS . . .	Five dollars.	5.
	P. COFFIN, Jr. . . .	Five dollars.	5.
	WM. WETMORE . . .	Ten dollars.	10.
	GEO. R. MINOT . . .	Five dollars.	5."

The last four names are autographic signatures. The other names are in the handwriting of Dr. Belknap, who has added this explanatory note: "Those marked with red subscribed particularly for the maps, as appears by the other paper annexed."

There are also numerous accounts of the receipt and disbursement of small sums by the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and the Librarian, approved by the Standing Committee, and settled by the Treasurer. — EDS.

* William Fiske, chosen a member in April, 1797, died Aug. 13, 1803. A notice of him, by James Winthrop, is in Vol. IX. of the Collections, pp. 206, 207. — EDS.

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QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1804.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 31, 1804, — the members present were, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Gannett, Harris, Holmes, Quincy, Spooner, James Sullivan, Wetmore, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

Voted, That thanks be given to David Lynch, of Demerara, for his donation of books and natural curiosities.

Voted, That the Committee of Publication for the ninth volume of the collections be requested to cause an inscription to be put on King Philip's Bowl, and to procure an affidavit ascertaining its authenticity.*

Voted, That Dr. Spooner and Dr. Webster be appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and report at the next meeting.

Voted, That the Treasurer be requested to state the accounts of the members who have not paid their assessments.

Bishop WATSON was elected a Corresponding Member.

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* This bowl, now in the Cabinet of the Society, is known as "King Philip's Samp Bowl." It is about twelve inches in diameter, and is wrought out of an elm knot with considerable skill. It was long used by the Society in balloting, with corn and beans, for members. In the inside of this relic the following has been inscribed in gilt letters: —

"A Trophy from the Wigwam of King Philip, when he was slain in 1676, by Richard. Presented by Eleazer Richard, his Grandson."

The subjoined memorandum, on file, is probably the only affidavit which the committee were able to procure of the authenticity of the relic. It is believed to be in the hand of the venerable and esteemed Isaac Lothrop, Register of Probate for the county of Plymouth, and a Resident Member of the Society:

"PLYMOUTH, Sept. 14, 1803. — Received of Isaac Lothrop eight dollars, in full for a wooden bowl, formerly belonging to that illustrious soldier, known by the name of King Philip, son of the celebrated Indian sachem, Massasoit, and was a portion of the trophy assigned to Eleazer Richard, great-grandfather of the subscriber, who made one of the party that terminated the existence of the once princely proprietor.

his
ELEAZER × RICHARD.
mark.

"Mr. Richard, above named, was taught to write, but is so crippled in his arm as to be scarcely able to make his mark." — EDS.

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Nominations: Rev. Peter Whitney, of Northborough, a Resident Member, by the President and Standing Committee; Anthony Fothergill, M.D., of Bath, England, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Dexter.

ANNUAL MEETING, MAY, 1804.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, May 16, 1804,* — the members present were, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Quincy, Turell, and Webster.

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers: —

JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
JOSIAH QUINCY	"	TREASURER.
JOHN ELIOT	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOHN T. KIRKLAND	"	LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL TURELL	" . . .	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES WINTHROP WILLIAM TUDOR REDFORD WEBSTER JOHN DAVIS WILLIAM EMERSON	were chosen	STANDING COMMITTEE.
ABIEL HOLMES THOMAS L. WINTHROP JOHN Q. ADAMS THAD. M. HARRIS	"	COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION FOR THE TENTH VOLUME.

* We call this the "annual meeting," because the business of the annual meeting was transacted at it. There is no record of a meeting in April, the appointed time for the annual elections. — EDS.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Aug. 28, 1804,* — the members present were, Allyn, G. Bradford, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Kirkland, Popkin, James Sullivan, Tudor, Turell, and Wetmore.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary be allowed to take out of the Library any number of books which he may think necessary to form an index of the first ten volumes of the Historical Collections.

The measures heretofore taken for obtaining a second edition of the first three volumes of the Collections having failed, it is therefore

Voted, That Dr. Eliot, Judge Davis, and Mr. Emerson be a committee to obtain a second edition in such way as they shall deem most for the honor and interest of the Society.

Voted, That a set of the Collections be presented to the Library of Dartmouth College.

Rev. PETER WHITNEY was chosen a Resident Member. ANTHONY FOTHERGILL, M.D., was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Nomination: Mr. Obadiah Rich, of Boston, a Resident Member, by the President and Standing Committee.

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* This meeting was held the day *before* Commencement, agreeably to the vote adopted at the meeting in September last, p. 162. See note *, p. 149. — EDS.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 30, 1804, — the members present were, G. Bradford, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, James Sullivan, Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

The following donations have been made to the Society: —

For the Collections: —

An Account of Indians from Canso to Massachusetts, the number of tribes and the number of souls, in 1680 and 1726. Presented by Hon. Cotton Tufts, Esq.

Memoir of the Moheagan Indians. Presented by James Haughton, Esq.

Additional Memoir of the Moheagans, and of Uncas, their ancient sachem, by Rev. Abiel Holmes.

Memoir of Stephen Parmenius, and a Translation of his Poem, by the same.

Continuation of the Ecclesiastical History of Massachusetts, by Rev. John Eliot, D.D.

A Topographical Description of Catskill, New York, by Rev. Clark Brown.

A Topographical Description of Newtown, New York, by the same.

A Topographical Description of Brimfield, by the same.

A Description and History of Waterford, by the Rev. Lincoln Ripley.

Chronological and Topographical Account of Dorchester, by Rev. T. Mason Harris.

Notes on Compton, by Rev. William Emerson.

Biographical Memoir of William Fiske, Esq., by Hon. James Winthrop, Esq.

History of the Penobscot Indians, by Hon. James Sullivan, Esq.

Account of Earthquakes in New Hampshire, by Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr.

Origin of the Word "Schooner," by Hon. Cotton Tufts, Esq.

Bill of Mortality for Middleborough, 1802 and 1803, by Hon. Isaac Thomson, Esq.

Observations upon the Natural Production of Iron Ores, with a description of Smelting Furnaces, and some account of the iron manufacture in the County of Plymouth, by Dr. James Thacher.*

For the Library: —

The Pennsylvania Gazette, 1749 to 1756, three volumes; The Pennsylvania Packet, 1773–1775, and November 1 to February, 1784, and to February 12, 1785, and for 1789, nine volumes; McComb's Plan of New York; Clarkson's Plan of Philadelphia; Reports in 1801, 1802, and 1803,

* All the foregoing papers and historical scraps were printed in Vol. IX. of the Collections. — Eds.

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respecting the Bridge over the Schuylkill; Gordon Historical Maps; several Charts and Plans; and thirty-six Pamphlets. From Ebenezer Hazard, Esq.

History of Pennsylvania, by Robert Proud, two volumes; Catalogues of Philadelphia, Loganian, and Hospital Libraries; Collection of Penal Laws for the use of the Prison, 1801; Minutes of the Episcopal Convention, of the Abolition and Medical and other Societies of Philadelphia; and twenty-four Pamphlets relative to Connecticut Claims. Description of Rivers and Canals, Proceedings of Publick Bodies, &c. From John Vaughan, Esq.

Massachusetts Journal, 1720 and 1736, 1736, 1737, 1738, 1739, and 1740. From John Q. Adams, Esq.

Election Sermons in Plymouth and Massachusetts, 1674, 1679, 1709; John Cotton's Discourse upon Civil Government, 1663; and several Pamphlets. From Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr.

Mauduit's History of Massachusetts Bay; Mauduit's Miscellanies, concerning Generals Howe and Burgoyne, three volumes, 8vo; Examination of Joseph Galloway, Esq.; Letters to a Nobleman upon the conduct of the War; three volumes of the Remembrancer, 1776, 8vo; and History of Louisiana, by M. Le Page du Pratz, two volumes, 12mo. From Mr. Isaac Parker, Jr.

American Tracts, four volumes, from a Friend.

History of Comets, from the Deluge to 1682; several papers of the Censor; and Proceedings of the Town of Boston, 1773, 1774, and 1775. From Joseph Greenleaf, Esq.

Dissertatio Medica Inauguralis de Abscessu Bursali, per Gulielmum Ingalls, M.D. From the author.

Lyman Spalding's Inaugural Oration on Animal Heat; New Nomenclature in Chymistry. From the author.

Humphreys' Grammatical Institutes, in verse, from the author.

Burnet's Election Sermon, Hartford, 1803, from Rev. Andrew Eliot.

Puffer's Election Sermon, Boston, 1803, and several Ordination Sermons, from Rev. William Emerson.

Morse's Artillery Election Sermon, from the author.

Lathrop's Sermon before the Society for Propagating the Gospel, and several Sermons, from a Friend.

Foster's Sermon at the Ordination of his Brother, from the author.

Dana's Sermon on the Death of Professor Marsh, and Dwight's Sermon on the same, from Rev. John Marsh.

Taylor's Century Discourse, from the author.

La Vie de Guillaume Penn, par F. Marsillac. From Mr. Obadiah Rich.

Examination of Charges against Aaron Burr, by Aristides. From Mr. Elisha Sigourney.

Report of the Commissioners of Arts to the First Consul, concerning the Antiquities and Present State of Upper Egypt; Livre Rouge, a List of Secret Pensions. From a Friend.

Observations on the Trial by Jury, addressed to the Citizens of Pennsylvania; and the Constitution, addressed to all parties. From William Barton, Esq.

Columbian Centinel, from Major Benjamin Russell.
Boston Gazette, from Messrs. Russell & Cutler.
Palladium, from Messrs. Young & Minns.
Independent Chronicle, from Messrs. Adams & Rhoades.
Spectator, from Messrs. E. Belden & Co.
Balance, from Mr. Ezra Sampson.
Worcester Gazette, from Isaiah Thomas, Esq.
Boston Weekly Magazine, from Messrs. Gilbert & Dean.
A Chart of Demerara River, from Mr. David Linch.

For the Cabinet: —

The Bowl of Sachem Philip, from a Friend.

A Hook, from the Sandwich Islands, made out of a bone of Captain Cook, from Mr. Jacob Williams.

Nine specimens of Iron Ore, from the county of Plymouth, from Dr. James Thacher.

Engraved Portraits of John Dickinson, Charles Thomson, W. H. Drayton, Gouvern'r Morris, Silas Deane, and General Arnold; and a Print, exhibiting a striking likeness of Benjamin Lay. From Ebenezer Hazard, Esq.

A large collection of Insects, preserved in spirits; two Indian Rattles; a Sword worn by a person at Bunker Hill; and a Silver Medal. From Mr. David Linch.

A collection of Swedish Coins, from Mr. Hauffe, the Swedish Consul.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1805.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 29, 1805, — the members present were, Eliot, Holmes, Kirkland, Quincy, Sewall, Tudor, and Webster.

Voted, That the Treasurer be requested to allow to President Fitch four dollars, advanced by him on account of the Society.

Voted, That Judge Tudor, the Treasurer, and Dr. Kirkland be a committee to see what members of the Society do not retain their connection agreeably to the regulations of the Society.

Voted, To adjourn to the first Tuesday in March.

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ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, held by adjournment, March 5, 1805, — the members present were, Bartlett, Bulfinch, D. Davis, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Harris, Holmes, Kirkland, Quincy, Turell, and T. L. Winthrop.

Voted, That the Treasurer be requested to send bills to the members who have not paid their assessments.

Voted, That the consideration of the report of the Committee respecting members who have not attended the meetings of the Society be postponed till the next quarterly meeting.

Voted, That Dr. Eliot, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. Emerson, and Dr. Kirkland be a committee to reprint the first volume of the Collections in such a way as they shall think expedient.

Mr. Obadiah Rich was chosen a Resident Member.

Nominations: Robert Anderson, M.D., a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Eliot; Samuel Eddy, Esq., of Providence, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Kirkland; and William Johnson, Esq., of New York, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Quincy.

ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1805.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 30, 1805, — William Tudor was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tempore*.

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JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
JOSIAH QUINCY	"	TREASURER.
JOHN ELIOT	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOHN T. KIRKLAND	"	LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL TURELL	"	CABINET-KEEPER.
WILLIAM TUDOR JAMES WINTHROP JOHN DAVIS REDFORD WEBSTER WILLIAM EMERSON	were chosen .	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Dr. DEXTER and Mr. EMERSON were chosen a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

Nomination: Charles Mary Wentworth, Esq., of Halifax, Nova Scotia, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Eliot.

Voted, To adjourn to the last Tuesday of May.

[The Society lost one Resident Member by death during the year, namely, the Hon. Peleg Coffin, who died on the 6th of March. It was the purpose of the Society to preserve in its Collections memoirs of all its deceased Resident Members. Many such, for various causes, have not appeared. As the Editors intend to provide memoirs or notices of such members as are wanting, to be inserted at the close of each year when such death occurs, that of Mr. Coffin is here printed. — EDS.]

Notice of Hon. Peleg Coffin.

The Hon. Peleg Coffin was fifth in descent from Tristram Coffin, one of the original purchasers of the Indian title to the island of Nantucket, and was the son of Peleg and Elizabeth (Hussey) Coffin. He was born on that island in November, 1756; and was married there, May 28, 1778, to

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Eunice, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Barker. From 1793 to 1795 he was one of the Representatives of Massachusetts in the Congress of the United States; and for the next two years he represented the district of Nantucket and Duke's in the State Senate. In 1797, he was elected Treasurer of the Commonwealth, and removed to Boston. In 1802, he resigned the Treasurership; and, in the same year, he was chosen a Senator from Suffolk county, on the Federalist ticket. On the termination of his year's service, he withdrew from political life.

When the Nantucket Bank was incorporated, in 1795, he was elected its Cashier, but he retained his connection with the Bank for only a short time. On the incorporation of the New England Marine Insurance Co., in 1802, he was appointed its President, and he continued at the head of this, one of the first corporations of the kind in Massachusetts, until his death, which occurred in Boston, March 6, 1805. He was chosen a member of the Historical Society in August, 1792; and, to the third volume of the Collections, he contributed a brief account of the Progress of the Whale Fishery at Nantucket. In a tribute to his personal character, which appeared in the "New England Palladium," and also in the "Columbian Centinel," a few days after his death, he is described as "a man in whose character was blended every social and agreeable qualification. . . . His conduct in the various public and important stations which he has successively filled was uniformly upright, irreproachable, and honorable to himself. The many trusts that have been confided to his care and management were always attended to with ability and candor. He possessed a discrimination of judgment and a disposition so ready to do justice as always to render him a useful, respectable, and valuable member of society."

At his death, Mr. Coffin left a widow and three children, — one son and two daughters. The son, George W. Coffin,

was a merchant in Boston, and afterward for many years the agent of the State of Massachusetts for the sale of the public lands. C. C. S.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, held by adjournment, May 28, 1805, — the members present were, Bartlett, Cutler, Eliot, J. Freeman, Peck, Prince, Quincy, Spooner, James Sullivan, Tyng, Williams, and T. L. Winthrop.

Voted, That the Committee appointed in January respecting members who have not attended the meetings of the Society be discharged.

William Johnson, Esq., and Charles Mary Wentworth, Esq., were chosen Corresponding Members.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Aug. 27, 1805, — the members present were, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Holmes, Kirkland, Pemberton, Quincy, Rich, James Sullivan, Turell, Tyng, Whitney, and T. L. Winthrop.

A letter from the Earl of Buchan being read,

Voted, That it be committed to the President, Dr. Eliot, and Mr. Freeman.

A letter from Rev. Timothy Alden being read,

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Voted, That it be committed to the Committee of Publications for the tenth volume.*

Voted, That the Treasurer, Judge Davis, and Dr. Kirkland be a committee to devise means for defraying the expense of printing the tenth volume.

Voted, That the Committee of Publications for the tenth volume allow the Rev. Timothy Alden to strike off, at his own expense, as many copies of his History of Portsmouth as they shall think for the interest of the Society and due to him.

ROBERT ANDERSON, M.D., of Edinburgh,† and SAMUEL

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* This was probably Mr. Alden's "Account of the Religious Societies in Portsmouth," there published. — EDS.

† Dr. Robert Anderson is probably best known as the editor and biographer of the British poets. He was born in 1751, and died in 1830, residing in Edinburgh the last forty years of his life, devoted to literary pursuits. Dr. Eliot had corresponded with him before his election as a Corresponding Member of the Society had taken place. Indeed, it would seem that Dr. Eliot had signified to him the intentions of the Society towards him in this respect, to see if it would be agreeable to him. His reply to this letter is on file, and also a later letter, acknowledging his election. Both seem to be of sufficient interest to warrant their being printed here: —

"HERIOT'S GREEN, EDINBURGH,
Feb. 8th, 1805.

"DEAR SIR, — I avail myself, with great pleasure, of the opportunity of my young friend, Mr. Lowell, returning from this country to the United States, to make you my best acknowledgments for your most obliging letters of Jan. 27, 1802, and March 6, 1804; and to return you my sincere thanks for the copies of the letters from Dr. Smollett's correspondents in the Museum of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"My estimable friend, Mr. Phillips, of Boston, has laid me under particular obligations to his kindness and liberality, by his attention to the conveyance of your communication, and by the present which accompanied it of eight volumes of the Collections of the Historical Society, and the first and second volumes of the Portfolio.

"The letters addressed to Dr. Smollett bear internal evidence of their authenticity, and are, in several particulars, interesting to literary biography. Unfortunately, they came too late for the use of the fourth edition of my 'Life of Smollett'; but they will be made use of in the fifth edition, which is wanted immediately.

"The favorable opinion of a man of your character of my slight contributions to the stock of English biography and criticism is very gratifying to me. May I flatter myself that I owe Dr. Eliot's good opinion, in some degree, to my having endeavored to represent facts and delineate characters with impartiality, and due regard to the interests of religion, learning, and liberty?

"The interest I have uniformly taken in the independence and prosperity of

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EDDY, Esq., of Providence, were chosen Corresponding Members.

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the United States makes me rejoice to see a new England rising in the West, enlightened by the increase and activity of her literary and philosophical institutions.

"The success of the disinterested and patriotic exertions of the Historical Society in collecting and diffusing materials for a complete natural and political history of your country, affords at once a demonstration of the utility of the institution and an incentive to perseverance. I particularly approve of the plan they have adopted of multiplying the copies of historical records and scarce printed tracts by means of the press. Besides other advantages, the diffusion of this kind of local knowledge has a tendency to strengthen the attachment of the people to their native country, language, and manners, and to cherish a veneration for the memory of their ancestors, and a love of their civil and religious institutions.

"Although I am precluded by remoteness of situation from giving your Society any effectual assistance, yet I may profess to be a sincere friend to an institution that invites the association of men of every profession and country. You will have the goodness, therefore, to assure your associates that I accept with great satisfaction of the honor they intend me by associating me with them as a Corresponding Member; and that, though I am conscious of my inability to promote in any considerable degree the important objects of their institution, they may depend on my zealous co-operation with my worthy friend, Dr. Brown, in doing them every kind of service which my local situation, opportunities of information, and literary connections may enable me to perform.

"In the month of June last, I sent by Mr. Phillips, through the hands of Mr. Bromfield, copies of my Lives of Johnson and Smollett, for the acceptance of the Society.

"From the mass of *excerpta* from the *commercium epistolicum* of my noble friend, the Earl of Buchan, I have selected a few articles of Transatlantic correspondence for your Museum, to be forwarded by Mr. Lowell. The whole collection is in my possession, and you may draw upon it.

"By the same conveyance I send for the Library, through the hands of Mr. Phillips, a small parcel of books, containing specimens of Scottish and Irish statistical and economical surveys, the 'Sabbath,' and some other performances of my poetical friends' expression of their kindness for me. Mr. Phillips is requested to retain any book or books which he may wish to place in his library.

"Lord Buchan sends a set of 'The Bee,' of which I suspect the Society may have a duplicate. A sight of the catalogue of your Library, if it could be procured, would be useful.

"As you have no correspondent in Ireland, of literary distinction, I beg leave to suggest the nomination of my learned friend, General Vallancey, Vice-President of the Dublin Society, an excellent institution, resembling, in some respects, your own. I am convinced that public institutions, as well as individuals, may be benefited by adopting the principle of the community of books and literary information.

"The disappointments which you have experienced in transmitting parcels to

Nominations: William Smith Shaw, a Resident Member, by the President and Standing Committee; General

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your friends in this country may have happened from their not being addressed to an agent at the port. In such case, parcels are not forwarded, but detained for the payment of the duties.

"If you honor me with your correspondence, which I earnestly solicit, you will have the goodness to send your packets or parcels by the post of London to Alexander Mundell, Esq., Fludyer Street, Westminster.

"I am, dear sir, with sincere esteem, your faithful and obliged humble servant,

"Ro. Anderson.

"P. S. Sir John Sinclair has this moment handed me the paper which I enclose for your inspection.

"The Rev. Dr. John Eliot."

"Heriot's Green, Edinburgh,
2d July, 1807.

"My Dear Sir, — Your very kind letter, enclosing an intimation of my being unanimously elected a Corresponding Member of the Historical Society in August, 1805, was duly received, and should not have been so long unacknowledged had I not looked for the arrival of the package you promised me, by the 'Galen,' for London, before the end of the year, and been disappointed.

"Nothing is more true than that there is great danger in deferring the performance of any duty. In making every possible enquiry respecting the package, even through the channel of the American Minister himself, I suffered the winter to pass away, occasionally cherishing the hope that it might be lying neglected at the wharf, or taken back to America through the negligence of the captain, who might return it in another voyage.

"By your last favor, dated May 6, 1806, introducing Mr. Buckminster to my acquaintance, which I received only about a month ago, I learn with inexpressible concern that you have sent *several packages* to London for me, according to my direction, for no package has been received by Alexander Mundell, Esq., for me. To add to my mortification, I found that they contained letters for Dr. Brown, Lord Buchan, and General Vallancey, which have been expected with much impatience, especially by Lord Buchan, who, without my knowledge, corresponded with the American Minister concerning the arrival of the 'Galen.'

"I am particularly disappointed in not receiving the ninth and tenth volumes of your Collections, and the Catalogue of the Library, for very obvious reasons. Indeed, every literary communication from you will be acceptable to me. At this distance of time, I fear it will be difficult to trace the packages, yet if they were committed to the care of the captain, as small parcels commonly are, he might be able to give some account of them.

"The trials you have made to oblige me, through the channel I recommended, have been so unfortunate that I do not think it ought to be attempted again. Perhaps a more safe conveyance may be known to you, or Henry Bromfield, Esq., or Samuel Williams, Esq., of London, who are known to our friends, Mr

Vallancey, Vice-President of the Dublin Society, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Eliot.

The following donations have been made to the Society: —

For the Collections: —

Descriptions, &c., of the Isle of Sable, and Captain Morris's Journals, in five manuscripts, folio. Presented by Charles M. Wentworth, Esq.

A State of the Inhabitants of New South Wales. Presented by H. Weld Noble.

Bills of Mortality for Dover. Presented by the author.

Bills of Mortality for Kensington, from the manuscripts of Rev. J. Fogg. Presented by a Friend.

History of Portsmouth, by Rev. Timothy Alden.

Phillips, Mr. Codman, Mr. Lowell, and Mr. Buckminster, may have the goodness to take charge of any package you may send to me, or which I may send to you.

"I had a note from Professor Peck on his arrival in London. A man of his character may depend on being cordially received by me and my scientific friends here.

"Mr. Buckminster fully justified, and even exceeded, in my opinion, the favorable report you made of him. He carried with him, at his departure, my esteem and cordial remembrance. I have his permission to send a package for you, to the care of Mr. Williams, and he charges himself with the conveyance to Boston.

"I have sent for your acceptance a copy of the fifth edition of my 'Life of Smollett,' which owes its chief improvements to you and Mr. Phillips, and I have made a public acknowledgment of my obligations to your kindness, and announced to men of letters in this country the respectable Society of which you are the Secretary.

"I presume my friend, General Vallancey, has been elected a Corresponding Member at your nomination. A set of the Historical Collections would be placed with great propriety and advantage in the Library of the Faculty of Advocates here, the most valuable and accessible in this kingdom.

"I am always, with great esteem, yours most faithfully,

"Ro. Anderson.

"The Rev. Dr. Eliot.

"P. S. I forgot to say that you have formed a correct opinion of Lord B.; but his attachment to America, his family connections, and the example of a man of high rank devoting a portion of his time to science, literature, and the arts, and the moral and political improvement of mankind, entitle him to consideration and respect, and indulgence for his vanity.

"I designed you a longer letter, but I am obliged to write in unavoidable haste.

Addressed: "The Rev. Dr. John Eliot, Boston.

"Favored by the Rev. Mr. Buckminster." Eds.

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Account of several Governors of Massachusetts before the Revolution, by Mr. Thomas Pemberton.

For the Library: —

Humphreys' Works. Two volumes. From the author.

Anderson's Life of Johnson, and Anderson's Life of Smollett, fourth edition. From the author.

John R. Coxe's Practical Observations on Vaccination, from the author.

Facts and Arguments respecting Inland Navigation in America; Account of Philadelphia Dispensary; Dr. Green's Sermon at the Dedication of a Church in the Northern Liberties, Philadelphia; Griffin's Missionary Sermon; and Minutes of the General Assembly, 1805. From Ebenezer Hazard, Esq.

Transactions of the American Philosophical Society, Vol. VI., from the Society.

Transactions of the American Academy, Vol. II., from the Academy.

Monthly Anthology, Vol. I., from Messrs. Homans.

The Berean, from the Berean Society.

Eastern Argus, Vol. I.; Bowdoinham Association Minutes; and Chandler's Oration. From Nathaniel Willis, Jr.

Boston Weekly Magazine, Vol. II., from Messrs. Gilbert & Dean.

Old Men's Tears, or a Lamentation over Boston, on account of the People's Degeneracy from good New England Principles, in 1691; The Lies of *one* Roger Williams, of Providence, also, his Blasphemies Exposed. By George Fox and others. From a Friend.*

Transactions of the Dublin Society, Vol. III.; several Statistical Surveys of Counties in Scotland and Ireland; Smith's View of Agriculture in Argyle, &c.; Irvine's Inquiry concerning the Causes of Emigration from the Highlands; The Protestant's Address to the Roman Catholick Nobility; Wyvill's Address to J. Cartwright, Esq., on the Principles of the Constitution; Grainger's Essay on the Diseases of the West India Islands; Pictures of Poetry, Historical, Biographical, &c.; and Dr. Brown's Poems, &c. From Dr. Anderson, of Edinburgh, and Mr. Jonathan Phillips, of Boston.

The Bee, from the Earl of Buchan.

Alden Bradford's Oration at Plymouth, 22d of December, 1804. From the author.

Thacher's Sermon at the Dudleian Lecture, from Peter Thacher, Esq.

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* These two books, both rare, are not now in the Society's Library; at least, they are not mentioned in its catalogue. The first named was written by Joshua Scottow, and published in 1791. Another work of his, "A Narrative of the Planting of the Massachusetts Colony," &c., published in 1794, was reprinted in 4 Collections, IV. 279 *et seq.* The book relating to Roger Williams was written by George Fox and John Burnyeat, and published in 1678. It had a long title, beginning with, "A New England Firebrand Quenched," being an answer to Williams's "George Fox Digged Out of his Burrows," &c. Both books related to a violent wordy dispute between Williams and the Quakers at Newport, Rhode Island, in 1672. — Eds.

Several Orations, 4th July; Allyn's Election Sermon; Livingston's and Frisbie's Missionary Sermons; and other Occasional Discourses, &c. From a Friend.

Holmes's Sermon on the Death of President Willard, with Professor Webber's Address, &c., from the Corporation of Harvard College.

Miller's Discourse on Suicide, from the author.

President Sanders's Sermon on the Death of Mrs. Russell, from David Russell, Esq.

Gardiner's Sermon on the Death of Bishop Parker, from the author.

Hooker's Election Sermon, Hartford, 1805, from Rev. Andrew Eliot.

McLeod's Sermon on African Slavery, from Rev. Timothy Alden.

Concise History of New England, by Drs. Morse and Parish. From the authors.

Columbian Centinel, 1804, from Major Russell.

Independent Chronicle, 1804, from Messrs. Adams & Rhodes.

Boston Gazette, 1804, from Messrs. Russell & Cutler.

Repertory, 1804, from the Editor.

New England Palladium, 1804, from Messrs. Young & Minns.

New York Spectator, 1804, from Z. Lewis & Co.

The Balance, printed at Hudson, 1804, from the Editors.

For the Cabinet: —

General Washington's Epaulets, which he wore when he gave up the command of the army, from Hon. David Humphreys, Esq.*

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* "Boston, Oct. 3, 1804.

"Dear Sir, — I put into your hands a pair of epaulets, which were in habitual use by General Washington at the successful siege of Yorktown, in Virginia, and which were worn by him on the day when he resigned his commission of Commander-in-Chief to Congress, at the close of the Revolutionary War. These may, therefore, without employing a very bold figure of speech, be denominated the dumb and imperishable witnesses of his glory as a hero and a patriot. However we may sometimes be inclined to think too lightly of events which are so familiar to us from their having happened in our own age, what an association of interesting ideas may not the view of any thing which was present on those glorious occasions produce in the minds of future generations!

"These badges of military distinction, formerly attached to so illustrious a personage, and always destined by the substance of which they are composed to co-exist with the long series of future generations, may, perhaps, be deemed worthy of being preserved among the frail insignia of human greatness by the Historical Society of Massachusetts. In which case, they are offered for acceptance by the person to whom the General gave them, and who has the honor to subscribe himself, very respectfully, dear sir, your obedient and most humble servant, D. Humphreys.

"The Rev. John Eliot, D.D.,
Corresponding Secretary of the Historical Society, &c."

Another letter from Colonel Humphreys, of the same date, was received, accompanying two volumes of his writings. — Eds.

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A Map of Cambridge, from James Winthrop, Esq.*

A Medal found on the old Fortifications about Marietta, from a Friend.

Shells found at Hingham, in strata of beach sand, from sixteen to twenty-four feet under the surface of the earth, which is gravelly. From Charles Turner, Jr., Esq.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 29, 1805, — the members present were, Eliot, J. Freeman, Spooner, Tudor, Turell, Webster, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

Voted, That the first volume of the Collections, second edition, be sold at a hundred and fifty cents a copy, in boards.

Voted, That the President be requested to write a letter to Lord Buchan, thanking him for his donation, and assuring him that the Society will treat it with all that attention which its situation will permit, and with the respect which is due to him.†

Adjourned to Thursday, 7th November, at three P.M.

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* This was probably the map, or the original of the map, recently found among the papers of the late Dr. Holmes, of Cambridge, on which is inscribed the following: "Plan of Cambridge, adapted to the year 1635. By James Winthrop." A part of it was copied and inserted in Dr. Paige's recent "History of Cambridge." — Eds.

† Among the list of donations recorded at the last meeting was "The Bee, from the Earl of Buchan." It need hardly be mentioned that the donor was the eccentric Scotch nobleman, David Stewart Erskine, Lord Cardross and Earl of Buchan, a person of literary tastes, the principal founder of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, and whom Sir Walter Scott commemorates in his Diary, under the dates of April 20 and 21, 1829. The work here presented by him might be more particularly described as "The Bee, or Literary Weekly Intelligencer," &c. Edinburgh, 1791–93. Edited by James Anderson, LL.D.; and comprised eighteen volumes, 12mo. The volumes contained many contributions from the pen of the Earl himself. He was an ardent admirer of this country and of Washington, with whom he corresponded; and some of Washington's letters to him are published in "The Bee." In a prefatory note to one of these letters, published by him in 1793, the Earl says: "I sent him (Washington) a letter expressive of my esteem, and of my wishes for the prosperity of the States, which I enclosed in a box made of the oak that afforded

[The nature of Lord Buchan's donation is explained in a foot-note at this place. A communication was received from him, probably at the same time, and intended for publication, and was addressed "To the Societies established in the United States of North America, for the promotion of national prosperity." It was designed to follow and supplement a paper of his in Vol. XVIII. of "The Bee," entitled, "Considerations on the Importance of Reciprocal Friendship and Connection between the Old and the New World," which he supposed the Society might publish. Dr. Eliot, from a Committee of the Society, made a report on these papers, and suggested that they should be published in some other form than in the Society's Collections. No one of the Earl's literary communications, it is believed, was published by the Society, and the manuscript referred to, which has been slumbering in the Society's archives for more than seventy years, we now print, rather as a specimen of the lucubrations of the author, than for any special merit it may have in itself. — Eds.]

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shelter to our great Wallace after the battle of Falkirk; and afterwards expressed the hope that the States would cultivate peace, friendship, and correspondence with my country, and shun every occasion of mingling in the unhappy contentions of Europe." The Earl, who was not destitute of vanity, appears to have thought that the Historical Society might find it desirable to reprint his essays, or some of them, in their Collections; for, on a fly-leaf in the beginning of the first volume of "The Bee," presented to the Society, he has written: —

"Be it recorded, where competent, in the State of Massachusetts, in the U. S. of America, that we, D. S., Earl of Buchan, &c., have given to the Historical Society at Boston the full right to publish exclusively my original essays, marked by my own hand in this and the seventeen subsequent volumes of 'The Bee, or Literary Weekly Intelligencer.' At Edinburgh, Feb. 9th, 1805. Buchan."

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" *To the Societies for the Improvement of Arts and Manufactures in the United States of America, from the Earl of Buchan.*

" EDINBURGH, Feb. 4, 1805.

" Lord Buchan, in the course of his correspondence with the illustrious Washington, had occasion frequently to dwell on the importance to the United States of America of the following considerations: —

" I. That a country dependent on others for subsistence cannot be reckoned either safe or respectable. That what in the beginning are reckoned the luxuries of life, become, by continued and general use, indispensably necessary to the subsistence of the people; and, when furnished by foreign nations, subject the consuming nation to be taxed by the manufacturing nation as if it were subject to its empire.

" That, in a newly peopled extensive continent, such as North America, where facility of settlement and enterprise are so great, the price of labor must be proportionably high. That this must of consequence check the establishment of manufactures, *even those of the first necessity*, and almost exclude the manufacture of those less indispensable, which, from their nature, require a great subdivision and cheapness of labor, great skill and dexterity in performance, and large capitals to establish profitably.

" That it therefore belongs to the discriminative wisdom of the Legislature of the United States to favor such establishments in manufacture as may at once tend to render the States independent of European powers, and yet progressive in new agricultural settlements, leading to extensive and growing population.

" That it is a mistake to imagine foreign commerce to be necessary for a people inhabiting a great continent in various favorable climates, intersected by many rivers and lakes, and capable of being navigated by internal canals, communicating with those rivers and lakes and with the ocean.

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"That the grand desiderations of a nation are not numbers and wealth, but *virtue* and *health* and *happiness*, — a trinity of blessings that can only emanate from the blessing of the Almighty, conferred on his genuine offspring.

"That China, originally consisting of a number of States, now under one head and government, has subsisted longer than any nation on the face of the earth, and will probably continue to exist without dislocation for ages, because she trades internally with herself, and preserves herself free from the disgraceful and unprofitable wars of Europe, occasioned by pedler-like disputes, arising from commercial competition and jealousy.

"II. The great elements of national improvement are the elements of nature, — land, water, air, and fire, — in applying them to the necessities and comforts of life.

"The land of the United States having been formed by alluvion from lakes or rivers, or by desertion of the waters of the sea, is more fertile as it approaches the lakes and mountains than in the vicinity of the Atlantic coast.

"From the falls of rivers, particularly of the most eminent, — St. Lawrence and Potomac and Mississippi, — it appears that, at no very remote period of time in comparison with the existence of the globe in its present condition, the Mediterranean seas or lakes wore through the mountainous ridges, and disembogued themselves by great rivers into the ocean, leaving immense plains, such as the country between the Rappahannock and the Potomac, and immense savannahs, too numerous for description.

"That, from these circumstances, the immensity of the frozen continent, the superabundance of swampy forest, and the stagnation of inland waters from the infancy of agricultural improvement, the air of North America is at present rather unfavorable to *health*, that malignant fever is frequent, and the early loss of hair and of teeth, indicative of insalubrity arising from humidity of climate and variableness of

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heat and cold, are to be obviated only by cultivation of land and administration of heat by fuel.

"That catarrhous fever and pulmonary consumption arise generally from the sudden action of cold on the lungs when heated by fire, as it is now administered in chambers.

"That the pulmonary consumption is scarcely known in countries where an equal heat is diffused by flues, which ought universally to be used in America.

"That the flue used in Sweden and Russia, of which Lord Buchan has sent a model to the Societies, is preferable to all others, and ought to be adopted. That it is easily constructed by *terra cotta*, and to be made in any brick, tile, or pottery work in America. That it admits of any decoration the rich may be inclined to give it, and will heat a whole series of apartments uniformly.

"That stone or brick houses ought universally to be preferred to block houses, which render conflagration exceedingly common and dangerous.

"That the richest nation is that which possesses the greatest number of useful instruments for producing plenty and happiness, and possesses the greatest quantity of permanent stock.

"That stone and brick houses would, therefore, greatly enrich the United States, and forward the important objects of health and industry.

"III. That the economical use of water in mechanics and labor-saving machines may speedily lead to obviate the grand objection formerly stated to the progress of manufactures in America.

"That domestic manufactures, or works on a small scale, and generally diffused through the country, are to be preferred to the great establishments of Europe, similar to Paisley, Lanark, and Glasgow, in Scotland, Birmingham, Sheffield, and Leeds, in England.

"IV. That *virtue* can only be produced and secured in any

nation by sowing the early seeds of holiness of life, and educating children properly in the fear of God and obedience to the laws.

"That children ought to be considered as the raw material of human society, to be worked up into use by proper artists in the grand science of education, concerning which Lord Buchan treated more fully to the General.

"That schoolmasters ought to receive annually, after proper examination by legislative township commissioners, so much per head for perfected scholars in their various classes, as fit for the various departments of the State and of society. That certain marks of distinction, to be worn by the individuals entitled to them, ought to be distributed to the rectors of schools and colleges, and to the scholars and students therein, respectively, by the authority and at the expense of the nation or individual State.

"GENTLEMEN, — The Colonists of Great Britain, now grown into the noble and interesting mass of the United States, have furnished an example of what constitutes the cement for erecting the true and lasting edifice of government, — Knowledge, mixed with Virtue, building upon the foundations of real property, agricultural industry, simplicity of manners, virtue, and a *representative government.*

"Remember my words, repeated by the great and good Washington. Be contented, O Americans, to be but little heard of in the great world of politics. Have nothing to do with the political intrigues or the squabbles of European nations, but be contented to exchange commodities, and to live in peace and amity with all the inhabitants of the earth.

"Farewell, BUCHAN."

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" *The Political Testament of the Earl of Buchan to the New World.**

" Let it be remembered by all, and impressed upon all, from the womb to the grave, that the fear of the Lord is not only the beginning, but the sum and substance, of wisdom.

" Let the principles and laws and regulations of the great community be impressed every returning Sabbath by parents, guardians, and teachers, along with the elements of speech and of knowledge.

" Let industry and a horror of dependence upon strangers be inculcated on the minds of youth and of all men.

" Let the example of the *virtuous Friends* in maintaining their own infirm, aged, and needy brethren be imitated by every family and community.

" Let houses of industry be established in every township or parish, and let no disgrace arise from working in them, or even living in them when it is necessary.

" Let there, therefore, be no involuntary assessments for the poor, as in Europe, particularly in England.

" Let the principles of voluntary Christian charity be preached weekly from every pulpit, and inculcated every Sabbath day by the heads of every family.

" Let Government never interfere in the matter of religious worship or opinion. Let all men be free to worship God and Christ as their conscience dictates; but let the truly pious and particularly truly virtuous Christians be held up to universal love and respect.

" Let the State never interfere in the regulation of the prices of the necessaries of life. Let competitition and demand continue to fix, as it must in the end always fix, their prices.

" Let book societies be encouraged in every district, and let it be the care of every book committee to purchase such books as tend to promote true religion, virtue, and science, and not to sully the imagination or pervert the heart from purity of life and simplicity of manners.

" Let societies for the encouragement of science, arts, manufactures, and *internal* commerce be established in every district, and let competent rewards be given to inventors and improvers in the various departments.

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* The Earl of Buchan expressed the wish that, if the preceding paper should be printed, the "Political Testament" might follow it. — Eds.

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"Let what is commonly called *police*, cleanliness, neatness, security, and good marketing be carefully forwarded by wise laws and regulations, and by voluntary contribution.

"Let the sixteenth of September, old style, be kept every year, to return thanks to the Giver of all good gifts, from whom every blessing descends, for the returning harvest and for the coming of our blessed Lord, in the obedience to whose will and in the imitation of whose example every blessing is comprised.

"These thoughts I bequeath to the American people.

"They are the result of mature reflection of a long life.

"They are from the friend of America and of Washington.

"The world, O Americans, is not eternal: it has had a beginning, and it will have an end; but the end of this world to us is death, and it is at hand. Mine cannot be far distant. In view of it, I utter these truths.

"Non jam me moriens dissolvi conqueremur:
Sed magis ire foras, vestemque relinquere, ut anguis,
Gauderet, prælonga senex, aut cornua cervus.*

"BUCHAN.

"At Edinburgh, February 8th, 1805."

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Nov. 7, 1805, — the members present were, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Gore, Holmes, Kirkland, Turell, and Webster.

WILLIAM SMITH SHAW, of Boston, was chosen a Resident Member; and General VALLANCEY, a Corresponding Member.†

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* Lucretius, III. 612–614, *old edition*. Earl Buchan, by changing the person in the first line, has destroyed the metre. — EDS.

† Charles Vallancey, an eminent archæologist, was undoubtedly elected a

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QUARTERLY MEETING, January, 1806.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 28, 1806, — the members present were, G. Bradford, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Holmes, Pemberton, Shaw, James Sullivan, Tudor, Turell, and Webster.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary be authorized to give receipts, as Treasurer *pro tem.*, to such members of the Society as have or shall loan any moneys toward paying the expense of reprinting the first volume of the Collections.

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member on the recommendation of Dr. Anderson, of Edinburgh, in a letter to Dr. Eliot, printed on pp. 173–175. His letter of acknowledgment is here given: —

"Dublin, 29th August, 1808.

"Sir, — Although late the information, my obligations are not less for the honor the Boston Society have conferred upon me by electing me an honorary member of their Society, and to you, Sir, for the polite manner in which you have communicated their pleasure. Much advantage cannot be expected from a man upwards of fourscore.

"To be as useful as possible, I have ordered a box, containing the Transactions of the Dublin Society for some years past, to be forwarded to you. Some statistical surveys of counties and my 'Essay on the First Peopling of the British Isles' will accompany them. It will appear surprising that in ancient Irish MSS., of at least eight hundred years old, I should discover that one tribe of those colonists brought with them the mythology of the Tibetans, and that altars of their deities should exist at this day in Ireland, and known to the peasantry by their names; and it will appear still more extraordinary that Captain Wilford, well skilled in the Sanscrit, and with whom I have no sort of communication or correspondence, should assert from the Puranas that a colony from Hindostan did migrate to the British Isles. They were, in fact, the Indo-Scythians, who, Goropius Becanus says, peopled Germany; and I think they migrated to your country, and formed the Algonkin nation, for their language is very similar to the old Irish, as I have shown in one number of my 'Collectanea de Rebus Hibernicis.'

"The box, by advice of your Consul at this city, goes to Boston, and I hope will be forwarded to you by the first opportunity.

"I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

"Ch. Vallancey.

"John Eliot, Esq., Boston." Eds.

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Voted, That the volumes of the Collections in future be sold at one dollar and fifty cents a copy.

Voted, That Dr. Eliot and Mr. Shaw be a committee to appoint a place where the Collections of the Society may be deposited for sale.

ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1806.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 29, 1806, — the members present were, G. Bradford, Emerson, J. Freeman, Holmes, Homer, Kirkland, Rand, Shaw, and Turell.

CHRISTOPHER GORE	was chosen . . .	President.
JOSIAH QUINCY	" . . .	Treasurer.
JOHN ELIOT	" . . .	Corresponding Secretary.
JAMES FREEMAN	" . . .	Recording Secretary.
WILLIAM SMITH SHAW	" . . .	Librarian.
SAMUEL TURELL	" . . .	Cabinet-Keeper.
WILLIAM TUDOR JAMES WINTHROP JOHN DAVIS REDFORD WEBSTER WILLIAM EMERSON	were chosen .	Standing Committee.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Aug. 26, 1806, — the members present were, Allyn, Bartlett, Bradford, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Gore, Kilham, Kirkland, Morse, Pemberton, Quincy, Shaw, Spooner, Turell, Tyng, Whitney, and T. L. Winthrop.

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JOHN T. KIRKLAND was chosen a member of the Standing Committee, in the place of William Tudor, who has gone to Europe.

Voted, That Messrs. T. L. Winthrop, Eliot, and Spooner be a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

The said Committee reported that they had examined the Treasurer's accounts, that they find them correct, well vouched, and that the sum of one hundred and two dollars and seventeen cents is due from the Society, to be passed to its debit in the next account of the Treasurer.

Voted, That the Report be accepted.

The account of James Freeman being presented to the Society, duly authenticated by the Standing Committee, by which it appears that the sum of two hundred and two dollars and fifty cents is due from the Society to the said Freeman, it was

Voted, That the same be allowed.

JAMES FREEMAN communicated to the Society that he has in his hands the sum of two hundred dollars, which is a donation to the Society, upon condition that the same should be appropriated exclusively to the printing of the tenth volume of the Society's Collections, or to the binding of any books or pamphlets belonging to the Society. Thereupon, it was

Voted, That the Society accept the donation on the said conditions, and that the Treasurer be directed to govern himself accordingly.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 28, 1806, — the members present were, Dexter, J. Freeman, Quincy, Rich, and T. L. Winthrop.

No business was done.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1807.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 27, 1807, —

The following donations were made to the Society: —

For the Collections: —

Memoirs of Edward Tyng, Esq.; and an Account of the Earthquakes in New Hampshire, continued. By Rev. Timothy Alden.

Account of Fires in Boston, continued; and a General Account of Fires in the other Towns in Massachusetts, during the eighteenth century. By Mr. Thomas Pemberton.*

A Topographical Description of Brewster, by Rev. John Simpkins.†

History of a Successful Attack on the Indians in Wrentham, about the year 1675, by Dr. James Mann.†

Bill of Mortality for Middleborough, 1805, by Isaac Thomson, Esq.†

Letters from William Penn, Jr., Springett Penn, John Penn, &c., from 1717 to 1729. Presented by Colonel Constant Freeman.

Bill of Mortality for Portsmouth, 1805, by Dr. Lyman Spalding.

Elegy on Seaborn Cotton. Presented by Thomas Williams, Esq.

For the Library: —

Newspapers of Savannah, Georgia, from 1763 to 1770, two volumes, bound, from Dr. Lemuel Kollock.

Journals and Reports of Congress, three volumes, from John Q. Adams, Esq.

Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, from the General Court.

Hutchinson's Collections of Papers, from Dr. Thomas Danforth.

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* The memoirs of Edward Tyng were printed in Collections, X. 180; the Account of Earthquakes, in 2 Collections, IV. 70; the Account of Fires in Boston, continued, &c., in 2 Collections, I. 81. — EDS.

† These were severally printed in Collections, X. 72, 138, 188. — EDS.

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A collection of Papers, signed "Old South," from the author, Benjamin Austin, Esq.

Discourses on Davila, Quincy's Speech in Congress, and the Sham Patriot. From William Shaw, Esq.

Williamson's Description of the Genesee Country, in the State of New York, from Arthur Maynard Walter, Esq.

Prince's Chronology, Callender's Historical Discourse, Price's Discourse on the Death of Queen Caroline, Caner's Discourse on the Death of George II., and several Sermons de Propaganda Fid., &c. From William Minot, Esq.

Brief Sketch of the Original and Present State of Philadelphia; Rules of the Philadelphia Dispensary; Report of the Committee for introducing Wholesome Waters into Philadelphia; Address to the Stockholders of the Schuylkill Permanent Bridge Company; An Act to erect a Bridge over the Schuylkill; Catalogus Neo Cæsariæ Collegii; a Poem delivered at Nassau Hall, 1774; Dr. Rodgers's Sermon on the Peace, 1783; and several other Sermons. From Ebenezer Hazard, Esq.

Ebeling's Geography, Vol. VI., from the author.

Expositions on the Inoculations of the Small Pox and of the Cow Pox; Memoir of Edward Jenner, M.D.; An Account of the First Festival of the Jennerian Society; Institution for the Extermination of the Small Pox; and Instructions for Vaccination. From Dr. Lettsom.

Eckley's Sermon before the Society for Propagating the Gospel, from the author.

Emerson's Sermon before the Female Asylum, from the author.

Alden's Farewell Sermon to his Society at Portsmouth, from the author.

Pierce's Century Discourse, delivered at Brookline, 1805; Pierce's Last Discourses preached in the Old Meeting-house; and his Discourse at the Dedication of the New House, 1806. From the author.

Several Pamphlets in favor of and against Building a Bridge from South Street, Boston; and several Dedication and Ordination Sermons. From Manning & Loring.

Census of the Inhabitants of Spain, taken by order of the King, in the year 1787, 4to. From Mr. Ezekiel Freeman.

Taylor's Oration, July 4, 1805; Young's Oration, July 4, 1805; Ripley's Oration, July 4, 1805; Howe's Oration, July 4, 1805; and the Eastern Argus, Vol. II. From Mr. Nathaniel Willis.

The Question concerning the Right of the United States of America to the Islands in Passamaquoddy Bay, by virtue of the Treaty in 1783, considered in the case of the Sloop "Falmouth," in the Court of Vice-Admiralty for the Province of New Brunswick, in 1805. From a Friend.

A volume of Newspapers, printed at Haverhill, from a Friend.

The Centinel, for 1805, from Major Benjamin Russell.

The Chronicle, for 1805, from Messrs. Adams & Rhodes.

The Palladium, from Messrs. Young & Minns.

The Boston Gazette, from Messrs. Russell & Cutler.

The Repertory, Vol. I., complete, and Papers for 1805, from the Editor.

The New York Spectator, from Lewis & Co.

The Anthology, Vol. II., from the Editors.

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The Polyanthus, two volumes, bound, and The Emerald, from a Friend.

For the Cabinet: —

A Bust of General Washington, from William Lee, Esq., Consul at Bordeaux.

A full-length Picture of General Lincoln, from several Gentlemen of Boston.*

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* Two portraits of General Lincoln were ordered by a number of gentlemen to be painted by Henry Sargent. One of them was presented to the Historical Society, and the other to Mrs. Lincoln. The following papers are on file in the Society's archives: —

"BOSTON, 17th June, 1806.

"Hon. CHRISTOPHER GORE, Esq.,
President of Massachusetts Historical Society.

"SIR, — A number of General Lincoln's friends, entertaining sentiments of high respect for his eminent private virtues, and grateful recollection of his important civil and military services during our Revolutionary War with Great Britain, have procured his portrait to be painted by Mr. Henry Sargent, of this town, which, in their behalf and by their direction, I herewith present to the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"I am, Sir, with much respect, your obedient humble servant,

"JOS. MAY."

"We, whose names are underwritten, agree to pay the sums affixed to our names respectively, for the purpose of purchasing two portraits of the Honorable Benjamin Lincoln, Esquire, painted by Mr. Henry Sargent, — one to be presented to his family, the other to the Massachusetts Historical Society, — cheerfully offering this donation as a tribute of grateful respect for his eminent public services and private virtues, and desirous that future generations, who must ever reverence his memory, should have the satisfaction of contemplating a faithful image of his venerable form.

"June, 1804.

"T. C. AMORY	Paid	$25.00	Brought up		$181.40
R. G. AMORY	"	20.00	J. & T. H. PERKINS	Paid	25.00
JONA AMORY	"	10.00	THOS. PERKINS	"	10.00
ADAM BABCOCK	"	10.00	EBEN. PREBLE	"	10.00
BEN. BUSSEY	"	10.00	JOHN PRINCE	"	10.00
JOS. COOLIDGE	"	10.00	JOSIAH QUINCY	"	10.00
ISAAC P. DAVIS	"	10.00	SAML. PARKMAN	"	7.00
SIMON ELLIOT	"	10.00	EBEN PARSONS	"	10.00
STEPHEN HIGGINSON	"	10.00	SAMUEL SALISBURY	"	10.00
GEORGE HIGGINSON	"	10.00	DAVID SEARS	"	10.00
H. J., a Friend	"	21.00	SAMUEL SMITH	"	10.00
T. K. JONES	"	10.00	JOHN WELLES	"	10.00
H. G. OTIS	"	15.40	WM. PARSONS	"	10.00
JUDAH HAYS	"	10.00			
		$181.40			$313.40"

The charge for the two portraits was three hundred dollars, and thirteen dollars was paid for packing and transporting one of them to Hingham. A

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A Matchlock Fusee, from William Parsons, Esq.*
Picture of Richard Mather, and Picture of Increase Mather, from A. M. Walter, Esq.
A Silver Coin, from a Friend.
A box of Medals and Coins, from Mr. Moses Grant, Jr.
Paper Money current during the War, from Ebenezer Hazard, Esq.

ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1807.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 28, 1807, — the members present were, J. Davis, Eliot, J. Freeman, Gore, Holmes, Kirkland, Quincy, Shaw, Tyng, and T. L. Winthrop.

CHRISTOPHER GORE	was chosen . . .	President.
JOSIAH QUINCY	" . . .	Treasurer.
JOHN ELIOT	" . . .	Corresponding Secretary.
JAMES FREEMAN	" . . .	Recording Secretary.
WILLIAM SMITH SHAW	" . . .	Librarian.
SAMUEL TURELL	" . . .	Cabinet-Keeper.
JAMES WINTHROP JOHN DAVIS REDFORD WEBSTER WILLIAM EMERSON JOHN T. KIRKLAND	were chosen .	Standing Committee.

Voted, That no newspapers or maps be allowed to be taken out of the Library, except by the Publishing Committee.

Nominations: Hon. William Plummer, of Epping, New Hampshire, a Corresponding Member, by Mr.

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letter of acknowledgment from Governor Gore, President of the Historical Society, to Colonel May; one from Colonel May to Mrs. Lincoln, and her reply; and Mr. Sargent's original bill for painting these pictures, — are also on file, having been deposited with the Society in 1839, by Colonel May, in order that the history of the portraits should be preserved. — Eds.

* This gun is now in the Cabinet of the Society. The matchlocks continued in use for some time after the firelocks were introduced. Bradford refers to their use among the Pilgrims of Plymouth. — Eds.

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Quincy; and President Wheelock, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Eliot.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Aug. 25, 1807, — the members present were, D. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Gore, Harris, Holmes, Kilham, Spooner, Whitney, and T. L. Winthrop.

Voted, That the President, Dr. Dexter, and Mr. T. L. Winthrop be a committee to solicit subscriptions of money for the purpose of printing the tenth volume of the Collections of the Society.

Voted, That Dr. Eliot, Judge Davis, Dr. Webster, and Mr. Shaw be a committee to demand of Mr. Turell, Cabinet-Keeper, the various articles belonging to the Society which have been in his possession, and to see that they are returned to the Cabinet.

Hon. William Plummer and President Wheelock were chosen Corresponding Members.

Nominations: Jonathan Williams, Lieutenant-Colonel of Engineers, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Freeman; Elkanah Watson, Esq., of Albany, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Eliot.*

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* Mr. Thomas Pemberton, who was chosen a member in 1792, died July 5, 1807. A notice of him, by the Rev. John Eliot, D.D., is in Vol. X. of the Collections, pp. 190, 191. — Eds.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 27, 1807, — the members present were, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Holmes, Spooner, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

JONATHAN WILLIAMS, Colonel of Engineers, was chosen a Corresponding Member.

The Society received information that Elkanah Watson, Esq., had removed into the State, in consequence of which Dr. Eliot withdrew his nomination.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1808.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 26, 1808, — the members present were, Bulfinch, J. Davis, Eliot, J. Freeman, Holmes, and Webster.

Voted, That the President, Dr. Eliot, and Dr. Webster be a committee to consider the expediency of an engagement on the part of this Society to celebrate annually the anniversary of the first landing of the Fathers at Plymouth, either by itself or in connection with other persons, and to report thereon.

ANNUAL MEETING, MAY, 1808.*

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, May 9, 1808, — the members present were, D. Davis, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Tyng, Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

CHRISTOPHER GORE	was chosen . .	PRESIDENT.
JOSIAH QUINCY	" . .	TREASURER.
JOHN ELIOT	" . .	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	" . .	RECORDING SECRETARY.

Voted, That during the present year the offices of Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper be united.

TIMOTHY ALDEN	was chosen . . .	LIBRARIAN AND CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES WINTHROP JOHN DAVIS REDFORD WEBSTER WILLIAM EMERSON JOHN T. KIRKLAND	were chosen	STANDING COMMITTEE.
JOHN ELIOT JAMES FREEMAN REDFORD WEBSTER JOHN DAVIS	"	COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATIONS.

Voted, That the Publishing Committee be authorized to give such name to the next volume of the Collections as they shall think proper.

Nomination: Earl of Buchan, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Eliot.

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* We entitle this the "annual meeting," at which the annual election of officers took place; the quarterly or annual meeting for April being omitted. — EDS.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Aug. 30, 1808, — the members present were, J. Q. Adams, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Gore, Harris, Kollock, Prince, Quincy, Tyng, Whitney, and T. L. Winthrop.

A report of the Standing Committee respecting delinquent members was read; and, on motion, it was

Voted, That it be recommitted to the same Committee.

Voted, That the Treasurer be requested to write to the delinquent members, desiring them to pay the sums respectively due from them, and informing them that, unless they are discharged in three months, their debts will be put in suit.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to write a letter of thanks to Robert Smith, Esq., for his donation to the Society of a medal of Commodore Preble.

The Earl of Buchan was chosen a Corresponding Member.*

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* The letter which Dr. Eliot, the Corresponding Secretary, wrote to the Earl of Buchan, advising him of his election, never came to hand. Subsequently, nine months later, Dr. Eliot wrote a second letter, to which the Earl replied. This letter, and the Earl's reply, are printed below. Dr. Eliot's second letter was picked up at an autograph shop in London, in 1875, by our associate, the Hon. Mellen Chamberlain, and forwarded to the Society. See the Proceedings for September, 1875.

"Boston, May 9th, 1809.

"My Lord, — I have the honor of informing you that you were elected unanimously a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and we hope the choice will meet your acceptance.

"This communication I have made before, but, unfortunately, my letters did not reach you. The packet contained a particular address to you from the President, Mr. Sullivan, since dead, and certain papers from myself, which I am sorry you did not receive.

"Mr. Sullivan often regretted the failure of this communication, and intended to write again. Your book and MSS. are preserved in the best part of

Nominations: Rev. Joseph McKean, of Boston, and Joseph Allen, Esq., of Worcester, Resident Members, by the Standing Committee; Benjamin Silliman, A.M., Professor of Chemistry at the University of Yale, a Corresponding Member, by Judge Davis.

Adjourned to meet at the Union Bank, on Wednesday, September 7, at twelve o'clock.*

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our room, and are valuable for present use, as well as the benefit which will accrue hereafter.

"When a vessel sails to Greenock, I will send a volume of our Collections, now in the press, and hope to be more fortunate in my method of conveyance than I was when I sent so many packages by the 'Galen.'

"With sentiments of high esteem and respect, I am, your Lordship's most obedient and humble servant,

"JOHN ELIOT,
Corresponding Secretary, Mass. Hist. Society.

"P. S. Having mentioned that I would send by a vessel to Greenock, I would rather say that I will not make up the package till I hear from your Lordship, and will then observe your direction.

"Will you please to mention a place either in Greenock or London where I may be sure of your getting it?

"A duplicate of this letter will be sent in the 'Ajax,' now up for Greenock."

"DRYBURGH ABBEY, August 8th, 1809.

"SIR,—I have had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 9th of May from Boston, in which you mention the miscarriage of the former packet to me, containing the communications of the honorable President of the Massachusetts Historical Society on my subjects, which were to me very pleasing and acceptable; and it will afford me always a sensible pleasure to promote the views and the prosperity of your useful and respectable institution. Pacquets sent to Greenock for me will always be carefully forwarded to my house in Edinburgh, where I reside constantly during the winter, if it be so denoted on the outside of pacquet, to go by the carrier, to the care of Brash & Reid, booksellers at Glasgow.

"I am, Sir, your obliged humble servant, BUCHAN.

"To Mr. JOHN ELIOT, Corresponding Secretary," &c. EDS.

* Isaac Lothrop, of Plymouth, died on the 25th of July last. A memoir of him, by Judge Davis, is in 2 Collections, I. 258–260. — EDS.

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ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, held at Union Bank, Sept. 7, 1808, — the members present were, Bulfinch, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Gore, Harris, Kirkland, Shaw, Tudor, Tyng, and T. L. Winthrop.

Rev. JOSEPH MCKEAN and JOSEPH ALLEN, Esq., were chosen Resident Members. BENJAMIN SILLIMAN, A.M., was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Nomination: Hon. Joshua Thomas, Esq., a Resident Member, by the President and Standing Committee.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 25, 1808, — the members present were, Alden, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, J. Freeman, Kirkland, Quincy, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

The Standing Committee made a report respecting delinquent members, which was ordered to be put on file, to be taken up at the next meeting.*

Voted, That Hon. Nathaniel Freeman, Esq., be no longer considered a member of the Society, he having never signified his acceptance of his election, nor paid his admission money nor any annual assessment.

Hon. JOSHUA THOMAS, Esq., of Plymouth, was chosen a Resident Member.

Nomination: Rev. John Pierce, of Brookline, a Resident Member, by the Standing Committee.

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* See p. 197, and p. 247, note †. — EDS.

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QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1809.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 31, 1809, — the members present were, Alden, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, Freeman, Harris, Holmes, McKean, Popkin, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

Voted, That Judge Davis be requested to write memoirs of the Hon. Mr. Coffin * and of Mr. Lothrop, and that the Hon. John Q. Adams be requested to write memoirs of Governor Sullivan.†

Voted, That the Librarian and Mr. McKean be a committee to take into consideration the state of the Library, and report such farther regulations respecting it as they shall think expedient, to be taken up at the annual meeting.

Voted, That the Librarian give notice that the books of the Society must be returned on or before the first of April.

Rev. JOHN PIERCE was chosen a Resident Member.

The following donations have been made to the Society: —

For the Collections: —

An Account of the Capture of the Ship "Hope," . . . by Captain Mugford, in June, 1776, with a List of Naval Commanders belonging to that town who distinguished themselves in the Revolutionary War. From John Prince, Esq.

A file of Papers, containing a Letter of King Charles II. to Governor Winthrop, 1661; a Letter of Sir Edmund Andros, 1668; of Governor Coxe, 1690; of Jeremiah Dummer, 1711; of William Bollan, Esq., 1750 and 1758; and copy of a Letter to the Agents of the Colonies, 1758. From the Heirs of Thomas Fayerweather, Esq.

An original Letter of Richard Henry Lee to Samuel Adams, Feb. 5, 1781. From a Friend.‡

Memoirs of Rev. Charles Morton, of Charlestown, by Rev. Dr. Holmes.

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* Judge Davis failed to write a memoir of Mr. Coffin. A notice, prepared for this volume by Mr. C. C. Smith, will be found on pp. 170–172. — EDS.

† Judge Sullivan, late President of the Society, died on the 10th of December, 1808. Mr. Adams did not write his memoir, but a brief notice of him, by James Winthrop, is in 2 Collections, I. 252–254. — EDS.

‡ This letter, and the two memoirs following, are in 2 Collections, I. 158, 163, 186. — EDS.

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Memoirs of Rev. John Lothrop, the first minister of Barnstable, by Rev. Dr. Lathrop.

Obituary of the Town of Middleborough, by Hon. Isaac Thomson, Esq.*

A Letter from Rev. Habijah Weld to Mr. Prince, being in answer to certain queries for his Annals; an Historical Narrative of Newspapers in New Hampshire; a file of Letters from Dr. Kennicot, Court de Gebelin, and Mr. Hollis; an original Indenture, Thomas Danforth on one part, John Davis and others, trustees, on behalf of New York, &c., 1684. From Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr.

A curious Manuscript, in short hand, written in 1723, containing Texts, Heads of Sermons, &c. From Dr. Allman, of Halifax.

For the Library: —

Grotius de Origine Gentium Americanarum; Historia Vinlandiæ, a Thermodo de Torfeo, Historico Regio; Histoire du Cap Breton; Voyages aux Côtes du Chili, du Pérou, et Brésil, par M. Frezier, 1712, 1713, 1714; and Lawson's Voyages to South Carolina. From Mr. Obadiah Rich.

Laws of the State of New York, three volumes, from Hon. Stephen Van Rensselaer, Esq.

Documents of the First Session of the Tenth Congress, and Documents of the Session from November, 1808, to March, 1809. From Hon. Josiah Quincy, Esq.

The Works of Fisher Ames, from Hon. George Cabot, Esq.

Harris's Tour to the Territory north-west of the Alleghany Mountains; Volume of Sermons addressed to Freemasons; and Sermon on the Landing of the Fathers at Plymouth, preached Dec. 22, 1808. From the author.

Pharmacopœia; Report on Vaccination; and Medical Papers, Nos. 1, 2, and 3. From the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Georgical Papers, from the Trustees of the Agricultural Society.

Adams's Defence of the American Constitutions, from Thomas Adams, Esq.

Eulogy upon President McKeen, with the President's Inaugural Address; and a Sermon preached at the Festival of John the Baptist, 1807. From the author, Rev. William Jenks.

Humphrey's Account of the Missionary Societies, from Mr. Samuel Jenks.

Holmes's Sermon before the Society for Propagating the Gospel, 1808; and Holmes's Fast Sermon, 1809. From the author.

Buckminster's Sermon upon the Death of Governor Sullivan. From the author.

Questio Physica Inauguralis de Somno, quam Eruditorum Examini subjecit Thomas Brown, Britannus; Questio de Mania, Johannes Wharton, Virginiensis. From Rev. Charles Lowell.

A volume of occasional Sermons, from Rev. William Emerson.

Allen's Election Sermon, 1808; and Allen's Historical Sketch of Berkshire and the Town of Pittsfield. From the author.

Norton's Discourse on 1 Tim. II. 4, from the author.

Thomson's Reply to Norton's Sermon, and Relly's Cherubimical Mystery, from a Friend.

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* Printed in 2 Collections, II. 261. — Eds.

Josselyn's Rarities of New England, from Mr. Joseph Coggswell.

Address of the Philadelphia Bible Society, and first Report read, May 1, 1809; and Extracts from the Minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, 1809. From Ebenezer Hazard, Esq.

A collection of Pamphlets published by the Portland Committee of Safety, January, 1809, from Mr. Calvin Day.

Wood's History of President Adams's Administration; Rules and Orders of Massachusetts House of Representatives; Election Sermon, 1809; and Artillery Election Sermon, 1809. From a Friend.

Review of the Works of Fisher Ames, Esq ; Essay on the Rights of Nations relative to Fugitives from Justice; Inadmissible Principles of the King of England's Proclamation, by the late President Adams; and White's Oration, July 4, 1809. From David Everett, Esq.

Remarkables of Dr. Increase Mather, from a Friend.

Two volumes of Miscellanies, neatly bound; volume of Manuscript Sermons, preached at the First Church in Boston, 1652 and 1653, written by Seaborn Cotton; Connecticut Election Sermons, 1801, 1802, 1803; First three numbers of the American Magazine, 1743; Report of the Opinion of the Court in the case of Penhallow *versus* Doane, 1795; and several Sermons and other Pamphlets, &c. From Rev. Timothy Alden.

Dunbar's Ordination Sermon at Canton, with Historic Documents of that Town, from the author.

Hancock's Election Sermon, 1722, from Rev. Thomas Gray.

Two volumes of the Worcester Magazine; thirty volumes of the Massachusetts Spy, neatly bound in seventeen. From Isaiah Thomas, Esq.

Baring's Inquiry into the Orders of Council; A Faithful Picture of New Orleans; Gallatin's View of the Public Debt, &c.; The Yankee Farmer's Inquiry about the Affair of the Chesapeake; several Pamphlets relative to the same business; Embargo Laws; Pickering's Correspondence; Report of the Committee on the Exchange Bank, Rhode Island; five Sermons before the Humane Society; and Missionary and other Sermons, to the number of twenty. From a Friend.

Centinel, 1808, from Major Russell.

Chronicle, 1808, from Adams & Rhoades.

Palladium, 1808, from Young & Minns.

Boston Gazette, 1808, from Russell & Cutler.

Repertory, 1808, from Dr. John Park.

Patriot, 1808, from David Everett, Esq.

New York Spectator, 1808, from E. Belden & Co.

For the Cabinet: —

An Impression on Copper from the Gold Medal which was presented by Congress to Commodore Preble, from Hon. Robert Smith.

Specimens of Sand, Marble, Schistus, Sulphuret of Iron, from various parts of the United States; specimens of Gypsum, from St. George's; Tourmaline, from Brattleborough; Nautilus, and other Shells, from the Feejee Islands; Basement of a Pillar, from ancient Syracuse; specimens of Lava, from St. Vincent; a remarkable Knife, dug up at Wakefield, New Hampshire. From Rev. Timothy Alden.

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Specimens of Garnet, found imbedded in a rock at Bedford, from Rev. Samuel Stearns.

Part of the Monumental Stone erected in Sudbury, where an Indian battle was fought, 1676, from a Friend.

A Silver Instrument for branding Negroes, from a Friend.

Six Copper Coins of Roman Emperors; ten Copper Coins of the United States; six Silver Coins of England; and Bills of the old Paper Money in 1714, and of Massachusetts and old Continental emission, from one dollar to twenty. From a Friend.

The first article in the list of donations at this meeting is an account of the capture of the ship "Hope," by Captain Mugford, in May, 1776. The following letter, on file, without address, is probably the document referred to. — Eds.]

"Boston, March 1[4]th, 1808.

"Sir, — Agreeably to your request, I will give you a short history of the capture of the ship 'Hope,' by Captain James Mugford.

"In June, 1776, General Ward commanded the American forces stationed in this State. His headquarters were at Boston. Captain Mugford came to the General, and informed him that he could in a very short time equip the schooner 'Franklin,' of seventy tons, then lying at Marblehead, and put four or six six-pound cannon on board, and ship eighteen or twenty men. He therefore desired the General to commission him to cruise for the enemy's ships, believing that he could capture some of them.

"General Ward replied that no blank commissions had yet been received from Congress, but he expected some in a few days; and, as soon as they arrived, a commission should be given him. Captain Mugford was desirous to sail immediately. I being at that time aide-de-camp and secretary to the General, I observed to him that an Order, in the form we gave to an officer of land forces, might answer in order to protect Captain Mugford from being treated as a pirate, in

case he should be taken by the enemy. The General replied that I might write such an Order. Accordingly, I wrote the following: —

"'To Captain JAMES MUGFORD,
of Marblehead, in Massachusetts.

"'SIR, — You are hereby authorized and directed to take the command of the schooner "Franklin," now lying in the harbor of Marblehead, and proceed to sea, to capture, sink, burn, or destroy all British ships and vessels, of every kind; conforming in all your acts and doings to the Resolves of Congress for the government of the American armed vessels, a copy of which is annexed to this Order.

"'Given at Boston, this day of May, 1776.

"'ARTEMAS WARD, Major-General.

"'By the General's command.

"'JOSEPH WARD, Aide-de-camp and Secretary.'

"Captain Mugford went immediately to Marblehead, equipped and manned his schooner, and sailed. The third or fourth day he fell in with the British store-ship 'Hope,' of three hundred tons, armed with more and heavier guns than the schooner carried, and with about the same number of men. Captain Mugford immediately bore down upon and boarded the ship, sword in hand. She struck her colors. Being then in the Bay, Captain Mugford made sail to bring her into Boston harbor; but, as a British man-of-war then lay at anchor above the light-house, as soon as the prize-ship was discovered coming in I ran down to the Long Wharf, and ordered a floating battery to proceed immediately to aid in defending the prize from the man-of-war's tender and boats. Captain Mugford soon arrived safe with his ship. Besides a great quantity of other military stores, the ship contained fifteen hundred half-barrels of powder. This was of immense worth to our country, as our armies were almost destitute, and it was then impossible to import powder, or obtain it by any other means than taking it from the enemy. Such was the extreme want of powder at that time to defend the

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country, that I believe if the prize-ship had been full loaded with gold and diamonds it would not have caused equal joy, nor been of equal value to the United States.

"The name and merit of Captain Mugford ought to be immortalized in America. This country owes, in some degree, its independence to him; and no one can calculate what might have been the consequences from want of powder, if his enterprising spirit had not led him to the gallant attack and capture of that ship.*

And to the immortal honor of Marblehead it ought to be for ever remembered that, while she suffered more by the war than almost any other town in New England, her gallant sons were distinguished by sea and land for their heroic valor. I have often witnessed their merit, and have regretted that Government has done so little for Marblehead. Most certainly justice requires from the Government some distinguished marks of favor to that town.

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

"JOSEPH WARD.

"Among the naval heroes of Marblehead who received their first commission from General Ward, I remember, with great respect, Captain Tucker, who was distinguished by many gallant enterprises during the Revolutionary War; also, Captains John Sellman, Manly, and Broughton."

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1809.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 27, 1809, — the members present were, Alden,

* In another engagement, in the harbor, soon afterward, Captain Mugford lost his life. See Force's Archives, fourth series, VI. 494, 496, 532, 929; Gordon's American Revolution, II. 264, 265. — EDS.

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Eliot, Emerson, Harris, Holmes, McKean, Pierce, and T. L. Winthrop.

Mr. McKEAN was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

CHRISTOPHER GORE	was chosen . . .	PRESIDENT.
JOSIAH QUINCY	" . . .	TREASURER.
JOHN ELIOT	" . . .	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	" . . .	RECORDING SECRETARY.
TIMOTHY ALDEN, JR.	" . . .	LIBRARIAN.
JOSEPH McKEAN	" . . .	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES WINTHROP JOHN DAVIS REDFORD WEBSTER WILLIAM EMERSON JOHN T. KIRKLAND	were chosen .	STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee chosen at the last meeting to frame additional Laws respecting the Library, reported; but, as the number of members present was so small, it was voted to postpone a decision till the adjournment.

Voted, That the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper procure a new lock, with two keys, which they are to keep, agreeably to Article V. of the Constitution.

Voted, That the same be a committee to request Mr. Turell to return all articles in his possession belonging to this Society; and that they take all proper measures to obtain the same.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary and Rev. Mr. Harris be a committee to prepare a copy of the Constitution and Laws of the Society, as altered and amended by any regular votes, to be annexed to the tenth volume, so that the members may know the statutes actually in force.

Nominations: Rev. John Basset, of Albany, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Alden; Rev. John Disney, D.D., of London, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Eliot; Hon. John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United

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States, of Richmond, Virginia, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. McKean.

Voted, To adjourn to Thursday of next week, then to meet at four o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, held by adjournment, May 4, 1809, — the members present were, Alden, Bartlett, Dexter, Eliot, Emerson, Harris, McKean, Pierce, and T. L. Winthrop.

Mr. McKean was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The Report of the Library Rules was taken up again, and accepted. The Laws of the Society, as altered and amended by this Report and other regular votes, are as follows: —

Laws of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Article I. — Each member shall pay eight dollars at the time of his admission, and two dollars annually, to create a fund for the benefit of the institution. And any member shall be exempted from the annual payment of two dollars, provided he shall, at any time after six months from his admission, pay to the Treasurer thirty-four dollars, in addition to what he had before paid.*

Art. II. — All elections shall be made by ballot.

Art. III. — Nominations of Corresponding Members may be made by the members of the Society; but no member shall nominate more than one candidate at the same meeting, and

* On the 27th of August, 1811, an addition was made to this Article. — Eds.

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all nominations shall be made at a meeting previous to that at which the ballot is to be taken.

ART. IV. — There shall be four stated meetings of the Society in each year; namely, on the last Thursdays of January, April, and October, and on the day before Commencement. And occasional meetings shall be convened on due notification by the President, or, in case of his absence, by one of the Secretaries, on the application of any two of the members.

ART. V. — There shall be annually chosen, at the meeting in April, a President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, a Cabinet-keeper, and a Standing Committee of five.

ART. VI. — At the request of any two members present, any motion shall be deferred to another meeting for farther consideration, before it is finally determined, and shall then be taken up.

ART. VII. — All accounts shall be kept in dollars and cents.

ART. VIII. — Five members present shall be a quorum for all purposes, excepting those of making alterations in, or additions to, the Laws and Regulations of this Society, and the election of members.

ART. IX. — No alterations in, or additions to, the Laws and Regulations of this Society shall be made, unless there are eight members present; and no member shall be chosen unless there are nine members present at the election, and unless two-thirds of the members present vote for his admission.

ART. X. — Members who are chosen in other States and countries shall not be required to make contribution with the members who are chosen of the Commonwealth.

Laws regulating the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE I. — All nominations of Resident Members shall be made by the President and Standing Committee, at one

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meeting at least previous to that at which the ballot is to be taken.

ART. II. — The Standing Committee shall regulate all the common expenses of the Society, and make the necessary provision of such small articles as may be wanted, and shall have power to draw on the Treasurer to defray the expense.

ART. III. — They shall aid the Librarian and Cabinet-keeper, when they shall require it, in the arrangement of the books, pamphlets, maps, and manuscripts, and in the disposition of curiosities belonging to the cabinet, and shall especially attend to the preservation and binding of books and pamphlets.

ART. IV. — They shall frequently inspect the Records, and inquire whether all the orders of the Society are carried into effect with precision and promptitude.

ART. V. — They shall inquire for, and endeavor to obtain, on the best terms, for the benefit of the Society, manuscripts, books, and articles of curiosity.

ART. VI. — They shall meet in the week previous to each stated quarterly meeting of the Society, and arrange and prepare such business as may be a subject for the Society's attention. The Recording Secretary shall notify to the Standing Committee their stated meetings.*

Laws regulating the Library and Museum.

ARTICLE I. — All books which are presented to the Library shall be accepted with thanks, and also every curiosity for the Museum.

ART. II. — American coins and curiosities shall be kept by themselves, in the best part of the cabinet.

* On the 25th of August, 1812, the words "in the week" were stricken out of this Article; "the President" substituted for "the Recording Secretary"; and a new Article relating to the mode of notifying the meetings of the Society by the Recording Secretary was added. — EDS.

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ART. III. — At every quarterly meeting a catalogue of the books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and maps shall be produced by the Librarian, and a catalogue of the curiosities by the Cabinet-keeper; and every member shall, in person, if present, and in writing, if absent, give an account of the books and manuscripts, or whatever article belonging to the Society, he may have in his possession.

ART. IV. — Once in every year, previous to the spring meeting, the Standing Committee shall inspect the Library and Museum, and report the state of every article at that meeting, and what books are particularly wanted.

ART. V. — There shall be two keys to the Society's room, one of which shall be kept by the Librarian, and the other by the Cabinet-keeper, to be by them delivered to no person except one of the members.

ART. VI. — No book shall be taken from the Library but with the knowledge of the Librarian, who shall make a record of the same. A member shall not have more than three books at a time, unless by special leave obtained by a vote of the Society. He shall not retain any volume longer than four weeks, but may renew the same once; after which, the same person shall not have the same books for three months, unless by special leave of the Standing Committee. Members living more than ten miles from Boston may renew their books without personal application. No manuscripts shall be taken out of the Library but in the presence of the Librarian.

ART. VII. — The sixth article shall not prevent the Committee annually chosen to superintend the publications of the Society from taking out of the Library, with the knowledge of the Librarian, as many books and papers as they may want.

ART. VIII. — Newspapers and maps shall not be allowed to be taken out of the Library, except by the Publishing Committee.

ART. IX. — Fines for the breach of the sixth article shall

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be at the weekly rate of ten cents for every book less than an octavo; twenty, for an octavo; thirty, for a quarto; and forty, for a folio.

ART. X. — An application in writing, left with the Librarian, shall secure any volume or set for a fortnight after it may be returned to the Library; and, if more than one such application be made, they shall be answered in the order of their respective dates.

ART. XI. — If books or manuscripts be requested for public uses, or for the peculiar benefit of persons whom the Society is disposed to oblige, the application shall be made to the Librarian, through the medium of some member, who shall be responsible in a written obligation for the return of each article borrowed, within such time as shall be stipulated by the Librarian, not exceeding three months.

ART. XII. — All persons who take books from the Library shall be answerable for any injury to the same, which shall be estimated by the Standing Committee.

ART. XIII. — The privilege of using the Library shall be suspended, as respects the person who neglects to pay any fines or assessments for damages longer than one month after he shall have received notice from the Librarian.

ART. XIV. — It shall be the duty of the Librarian to attend at the library, or to procure some member to attend in his stead, on the afternoon of each Thursday, at three o'clock P.M., for the accommodation of the members. And it is understood and expected that the members will regulate themselves accordingly.

ART. XV. — All pamphlets shall be bound, except duplicates, which shall be kept by themselves, and triplicates shall be exchanged.

ART. XVI. — All manuscripts shall be distinctly marked and numbered, and kept in cases of paper, which shall also be numbered, and the contents of each registered.

ART. XVII. — Every present received shall be recorded,

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and an account of it rendered at the next meeting of the Society.

ART. XVIII. — A printed ticket shall be pasted on the inside of the cover of each book, signifying that it is the property of the Society; and also the name of the donor, if it be a present.

Voted, That the foregoing articles shall be the statute laws of the Society, any votes and customs to the contrary notwithstanding.*

Voted, That Dr. Eliot, Mr. Harris, Mr. Alden, and Mr. McKean be a committee to designate and form a catalogue of such books and papers as may not be taken from the Library without the special permission of the Standing Committee.

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* These new By-Laws prescribed some changes. The quarterly or stated meetings of the Society were now directed to be held on the last Thursday of the month, instead of Tuesday; excepting one of them, which was to be held on the day preceding Commencement. Some new directions were given respecting the Library, whose constant growth, united to the increase of members, demanded greater facilities for its use. It will be understood that the rooms of the Society, up to this time, were not kept open. The earliest rules provided that the key should be kept with Dr. Belknap; and he was authorized to deliver it to any member desiring to visit the Library, who had liberty to select himself the books he wished to take out, not exceeding three at a time, of which he was to leave a record with his name on a slate kept for that purpose. This record the Librarian was required, at his next visit to the Library, to copy into a book.

Three years later, in 1794, it was ordered that two keys should be provided, — one to be deposited with the Librarian, and one with the Cabinet-Keeper, — and members taking out books were required to leave a receipt for them in a receipt book to be kept for the purpose. According to the new rules, now before us, it will be seen that the Librarian, or his substitute, is required to be in attendance at the Library on the afternoon of each Thursday, at three o'clock, for the accommodation of the members, and members are requested to regulate themselves accordingly. That no book shall be taken out of the Library without the knowledge of the Librarian, who shall make a record of the same. These rules are retained in the By-Laws of 1833, by which it will be seen that up to this time no provision was made for keeping the Library open, except for a portion of one day only in the week. It was some time even after this late date that arrangements were made for the daily opening of the Library.

This code of By-Laws was printed in Vol. X. of the Collections, issued this year. With the alterations and additions indicated, and including a rule adopted in January, 1797 (*ante*, p. 105), perhaps accidentally omitted here, it was also printed in Vol. I. of the second series, issued in 1814. — EDS.

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Voted, That Dr. Eliot, Mr. Alden, and Mr. McKean be a committee to prepare lists of preachers on the General Election, Artillery Election, and Convention, marking such of the sermons as the Society possess, which they shall endeavor to have inserted as appendices to the next sermons on those occasions.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Aug. 29, 1809, — the members present were, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, Gore, McKean, Prince, Quincy, Spooner, Tudor, Whitney, and T. L. Winthrop.

JOSEPH MCKEAN was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tempore*.

Mr. T. L. WINTHROP, Mr. BULFINCH, and Dr. WEBSTER were chosen a committee to consult with the proprietors of the Boston Library, and, in conjunction with them, effect any repairs which they may consider requisite and proper to render the roof tight and secure.

Rev. JOHN BASSET, of Albany, Rev. JOHN DISNEY, D.D., of London, and Hon. JOHN MARSHALL were chosen Corresponding Members.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the General Court for their Order, passed June 8, 1809, viz.: —

" *Ordered*, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, be respectively authorized and directed to furnish the President of the Historical Society with two copies of any publication, the property of the Commonwealth, which they may now have, or which may be made hereafter by each branch of the Legislature; provided, a sufficient number be reserved in all cases for the use of the Government."

Voted, That Judge Davis, Mr. Quincy, and Mr. McKean be a com-

mittee to consider and report means for reprinting the deficient volumes, and make report at the next meeting.

Voted, That this Society entertain a high sense of the value of the accurate and elaborate index to the ten volumes of their Collections, which has been executed in so admirable a manner by their Recording Secretary; and that, for this and his other disinterested and liberal services, the Society express their grateful acknowledgments to their esteemed associate.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 26, 1809, — the members present were, Alden, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, Freeman, Hazard, Holmes, McKean, Pierce, Quincy, Wallcut, and J. Winthrop.

Voted, That a set of the ten volumes of the Historical Collections be sent to the New York Historical Society, and that the Corresponding Secretary be requested to write a letter to the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Society on the subject.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr., for his extraordinary labors and eminent services as Librarian, which office he has this day resigned.

Voted, That the ten volumes of the Collections be presented to Mr. Alden.

Joseph McKean was chosen Librarian for the remainder of the year.

Voted, That the Committee chosen at the last meeting to consider means for reprinting the deficient volumes of the Collections be allowed farther time, and that they report at the next meeting of the Society.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to dispose of one set of the Collections to the Philadelphia Library.

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QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1810.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 26, 1810, — the members present were, Bartlett, Eliot, McKean, and Pierce.

No business was done.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1810.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 26, 1810, — the members present were, G. Bradford, Eliot, Freeman, Gannett, Holmes, McKean, Mellen, Pierce, Shaw, Spooner, Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

CHRISTOPHER GORE	was chosen . . .	PRESIDENT.
JOSIAH QUINCY	" . . .	TREASURER.
JOHN ELIOT	" . . .	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	" . . .	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH McKEAN	" . . .	LIBRARIAN.
REDFORD WEBSTER	" . . .	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES WINTHROP THOMAS L. WINTHROP JOHN DAVIS WILLIAM EMERSON JOHN T. KIRKLAND	were chosen	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Voted, That the Committee chosen Aug. 29, 1809, to consider and report means for reprinting the deficient volumes of the Collections, be instructed to issue subscription papers, offering the ten volumes to the public at fifteen dollars a set, in boards.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to write a circular letter, giving information of the objects of the Society, and calling the attention of the public to the same.

Voted, That the Standing Committee consider the propriety and

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expediency of lending to the Mineralogical Cabinet of Harvard University articles of the Museum of this Society, and the terms and conditions of such loan, and report at the next meeting.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Aug. 28, 1810, — the members present were, Bartlett, Dexter, Eliot, Freeman, Gore, McKean, Morse, Pierce, Prince, Quincy, Webster, T. L. Winthrop, and Whitney.

Voted, That Dr. Eliot, Mr. Emerson, and Mr. Pierce be a committee to prepare the deficient volumes of the Collections for the press, and correct the proofs.

Voted, That the Committee chosen Aug. 29, 1809, respecting the reprinting of the deficient volumes, were authorized and required to contract for the execution of the printing.

Voted, That the President and Mr. T. L. Winthrop be a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and report.

Mr. Quincy announced to the Society that Eliphalet Pearson, LL.D., wishes to resign his membership.

Voted, To accept his resignation.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be directed to see that the picture of General Lincoln be forthwith returned to the room.*

The following donations have been received by the Society: —

For the Collections: —

Curious Papers extracted from the Records of the Town of Springfield, from the year 1638 to the year 1710. From Hon. Thomas Dwight, Esq.

Obituary for the Town of Middleborough, by Hon. Isaac Thomson, Esq.

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* General Lincoln, who was chosen a member in July, 1798, died May 9, 1810. A memoir, by the Rev. Dr. Kirkland, is in 2 Collections, III. 233–255. — Eds.

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Official Return of Prisoners taken at the Surrender of the British Garrison at York and Gloucester, Oct. 19, 1781, exclusive of marine prisoners and officers and soldiers taken during the siege. Estimate made by Colonel Alexander Scammell, Adjutant-General of the United States, and slain at the siege of Yorktown, Virginia. From Hon. William Eustis, Esq.

Bill of Mortality for the Town of Portsmouth, 1809, by Lyman Spaldwin, M.D.

Account of Remarkable and Sudden Deaths in the Town of Northborough, since its incorporation in 1766; and Biographical Sketches of Rev. Aaron Whitney. By Rev. Peter Whitney.

Biographical Notices of several American Artists, by Mr. Samuel Davis.

Extract from a Manuscript Oration delivered at Plymouth, Dec. 22, 1800, which corrects an error in the Life of Cushman, as published in the American Biography, and is a defence of the Plymouth settlers against the charge of enthusiasm. By Hon. Judge Davis.*

A file of Letters concerning Indian Missions, addressed to A. Oliver, Esq., Secretary of the London Society de Prop. Fide, 1764; Letter from Dr. Stiles to Dr. Chauncy concerning Bishops in America, in which are notices of particular characters who were active in the business; Letters to the Earl of Dartmouth on his appointment to be one of His Majesty's Secretaries of State; Letter of John Pownal, Esq., by direction of the Earl of Dartmouth, with a Proclamation for repressing rebellion and sedition, dated Aug. 22, 1775. From a Friend.

Letter found in the study of Rev. Joseph Belcher, of Dedham, after his decease; Letter to President Lawrens, per John Temple, Esq., Nov. 16, 1778; Letter from the Lords of Trade and Plantations to the Privy Council, concerning a petition of Jeremiah Dummer and Jonathan Belcher; Remarks on Indians by Hendrick Apaumet, also by an intelligent American, — the first against the present mode of employing missionaries, the second containing an opinion that it is impossible to civilize them. From a Friend.

For the Library: —

Mémoire sur la Navigation de France aux Indes, par M. D'Après de Mannevilette; Mémoire sur la dernière Guerre de l'Amérique Septentrionale entre France et Angleterre, three volumes; Vue de la Colonie Espagnole du Mississippi, en l'année, 1802; La Chronica del Peru; Aromatum, &c., apud Indos; View of the Plantation of Surinam; Letters and Essays on West India Disorders; Account of the Island of Jamaica; Four

* In Judge Davis's Life of Robert Cushman, printed in Vol. II. pp. 269–280 of Belknap's American Biography, published in 1798, he fell into the same error that Dr. Robertson and some other writers had done respecting the religious theories of the Pilgrims on the subject of a community of goods. In an oration delivered at Plymouth in 1800, on the anniversary of the "Landing" there, Judge Davis embraced the opportunity to acknowledge his former mistake; and, as this oration was never printed, he now furnishes an extract from it for the Society's archives in defence of the Plymouth settlers from his own charge of misguided enthusiasm. In a note to his edition of the New England Memorial, pp. 375, 376, Judge Davis again refers to the subject. See also Appendix to this volume, No. II. — Eds.

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Letters to Mr. Addington concerning the method of raising Sugar in the West Indies; Précis sur la Canne, par M. Dutrône la Couture. From Rev. C. D. Ebeling, of Hamburgh.

Ramsay's History of South Carolina, two volumes, from the author.

Trumbull's History of the United States, Vol. I., from the author.

Allen's American Biographical and Historical Dictionary, from the author.

The New England Biographical Dictionary, from the author.

Thomas's History of Printing in America, two volumes, from the author.

Transactions of the American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia, Vol. V., from the Society.

Memoirs of the American Academy, first part of Vol. III., from the Society.

Memoirs of the Connecticut Society of Arts, from the Society.

Papers for 1810, communicated to the Society for Promoting Agriculture, from the Society.

Message of the President of the United States to both Houses of Congress, Nov. 29, 1809; Documents accompanying the Message; Message with Mr. Pinkney's Correspondence, Dec. 18, 1808; Statement of Receipts into the Treasury, from March to December, 1809; Report of the Committee for the Establishment of Trading Houses with the Indians, and the several Acts supplementary thereto, April 14, 1810; Porter's Speech on Internal Improvements; and Spirit of '76, two numbers. From Hon. Josiah Quincy, Esq.

Resolves of the General Court of Massachusetts, passed at the session begun and holden Jan. 24, 1810; and Laws of the same. From the General Court.

The New England Patriot, being a candid comparison of the principles and conduct of the Washington and Jefferson Administrations; and a Word to Federalists. From Stephen Higginson, Jr., Esq.

Clubb's Journal, or Account of Americans in French Prisons; Russell's Address to the Mechanick Society; Channing's Fast Sermon; Gardiner's Fast Sermon; Osgood's Sermon, April 8, 1810; Porter's Convention Sermon; Lowell's Artillery Election Sermon, 1810; Simpkins's Sermon at the Ordination of Mr. Swift; Ten Hints, addressed to wise men, concerning the dispute which ended in the dismission of the British Minister; Remarks on the Report of the Legislature on Foreign Relations, by Sully; Townsend's Oration, July 4, 1810; Kendal's Sermon at the Funeral of Hon. Samuel Dexter, Esq.; and Sherlock's Trial of Witnesses, &c. From Mr. John Eliot, Jr.

Essay on the Establishment of a Chancery Jurisdiction in Massachusetts; and Report of the Secretary on the subject of American Manufactures, April 19, 1809. From Farrand & Mallory.

A hundred and fifty valuable Pamphlets, religious and political, from a Friend.

Orations delivered in Boston, July 4; Sacred Extracts; Governor Gore's Speech, June 7, 1809; Communications respecting Sheriff Lithgow; and a trunk of Pamphlets, bought at the sale of William Cooper's effects. From the Librarian.

An Account of the Capture of the Ship "Olive Branch," with the Pleas at Doctor's Commons, from Mr. Samuel Prince.

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J. C. Warren's Essay on the Organick Diseases of the Heart, from the author.
Bartlett's Dissertation upon the Progress of Medical Science, and his other Occasional Discourses, bound, from the author.
Foster's Artillery Election Sermon, 1809, and Foster's Sermon at the Dedication of Brighton Meeting-house, from the author.
Belcher's Election Sermon, 1701, from Isaac Story, Esq.
Jenks's Missionary Sermon, from the author.
Abbot's Discourse at Plymouth, Dec. 22, 1809, from the author.
Howland's Address to Mechanicks and Manufacturers of Providence, 1810, from the author.
Colman's Sermon on the Character of Zaccheus, from the author.
Professor Ware's Eulogy on President Webber, and Catalogue, &c., 1809, from the College.
Catalogue of the Fraternity of Φ. B. K., from the Society.
An Indian Book, from Rev. Dr. Prince.
A series of Proclamations from the administration of Lieutenant-Governor Phips to the time of Governor Bernard, from a Friend.
The Columbian Centinel, from Major B. Russell.
The Boston Chronicle, from Adams & Rhoades.
The Palladium, from Young & Minns.
The Boston Gazette, from Russell & Cutler.
The Repertory, from Dr. John Park.
The Patriot, from David Everett, Esq.
The Spectator, from E. Belden & Co.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 25, 1810, — the members present were, G. Bradford, J. Davis, Eliot, Emerson, Freeman, Gore, Holmes, McKean, Mellen, Pierce, Quincy, Spooner, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts reported that they had examined the same, and find them correct and properly vouched, and that the

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sum of three hundred sixty-seven dollars and seven cents is in the hands of the Treasurer.

Voted, That Eliot's "Field Husbandry" be lent to S. W. Pomeroy, Esq., at the request of the Massachusetts Agricultural Society.

Nominations: Mr. Joseph Coolidge, Jr., of Boston, Rev. Joseph Stevens Buckminster, of Boston, and Isaiah Thomas, Esq., of Worcester, Resident Members, by the President; Lieutenant-Colonel Constant Freeman, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Eliot.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1811.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 31, 1811, — the members present were, Bartlett, Gannett, Gore, McKean, Morse, Webster, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

JOSEPH MCKEAN was chosen Secretary *pro tempore*.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1811.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 25, 1811, — the members present were, Bartlett, G. Bradford, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Freeman, Gannett, Holmes, Kilham, McKean, Mellen, Morse, Pierce, Quincy, Tudor, and Webster.

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CHRISTOPHER GORE	was chosen . . .	PRESIDENT.
JOSIAH QUINCY	" . . .	TREASURER.
JOHN ELIOT	" . . .	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	" . . .	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH McKEAN	" . . .	LIBRARIAN.
REDFORD WEBSTER	" . . .	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES WINTHROP THOS. L. WINTHROP JOHN DAVIS WILLIAM EMERSON JOHN T. KIRKLAND	were chosen .	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. JOSEPH COOLIDGE, Jr., Rev. JOSEPH STEVENS BUCKMINSTER, and ISAIAH THOMAS, Esq., were chosen Resident Members; and Lieutenant-Colonel CONSTANT FREEMAN, a Corresponding Member.

The Librarian having communicated to the Society the receipt of the Catalogue of the Library from Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr., of Newark,

Voted, That this Society entertain a high sense of the many services rendered by their worthy associate, and especially return their thanks for this accurate and valuable labor.

Voted, That the Librarian, with the assistance of Dr. Eliot, be requested to procure four hundred copies of the Catalogue of the Library, as prepared by Rev. Mr. Alden, to be printed.*

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* The Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr., was elected a Corresponding Member of the Society in 1801, while he was residing in Portsmouth, as colleague pastor, with the Rev. Dr. Haven, of the South Church and parish. In 1808, he removed to Boston, and, though his name was never transferred from the Corresponding to the Resident roll, he was elected that year Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper, attended the meetings, and acted with his associates as a Resident Member. In 1809, he was again chosen Librarian, and this office he held till October of that year, when he resigned, and removed to Newark, New Jersey. He must have been an efficient officer, as the number of volumes which he indexed while holding the office of Librarian attests his diligence and skill.

The Catalogue now communicated by him to the Society also was made during the period in which he held this office. It was issued in October, 1811, from the press of John Eliot, Jr., in octavo form, printed in double columns, and comprising ninety-six pages; including appendices of manuscripts, tracts, and maps; with lists of preachers of election, convention, ordination, installation, and funeral sermons; and of orators and authors of addresses before the

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Aug. 27, 1811, — the members present were, Bartlett, Coolidge, Eliot, Freeman, Gore, Holmes, McKean, Morse, Pierce, Quincy, Shaw, Tudor, Webster, Whitney, and T. L. Winthrop.

Abiel Holmes was chosen a member of the Standing Committee, in the place of William Emerson, deceased.*

Whereas a Committee has been instructed to demand of Samuel Turell the several articles intrusted to him as Cabinet-Keeper, which he has not returned, and whereas he has otherwise acted unworthily as a member; therefore,

Voted, That he be expelled from the Society.

Voted, That a clause be added to Article I. of the Laws, as follows: —

And if any person elected shall neglect to pay his admission money for one year after being apprised of his election, the said election shall be considered void. The Corresponding Secretary shall communicate the same to every member at the time of his election.

Nomination: Moses Fiske, Esq., of Tennessee, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Morse.

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most important associations in the Commonwealth. There are probably upwards of four thousand titles and references included in Mr. Alden's catalogue, which may be supposed to comprise all the books, pamphlets, newspapers, maps, charts, and manuscripts in the Library at the period of compilation. The preface to the catalogue was written by Dr. John Eliot.

This catalogue, with manuscript additions subsequently made in a large, unwieldy, interleaved volume, was for a long time the principal index to the Library. — Eds.

* Mr. Emerson died May 12, 1811. A memoir of him by the Rev. S. C. Thacher is in 2 Collections, I. 254–258. — Eds.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, at their room in Franklin Place, Boston, 31st Oct., 1811, — the members present were, J. Allyn, J. S. Buckminster, A. Bradford, G. Bradford, J. Davis, A. Dexter, J. Eliot, A. Holmes, J. T. Kirkland, J. McKean, J. Pierce, R. Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

The President and Recording Secretary being absent, Judge Davis took the chair, and Mr. McKean was chosen Secretary for the meeting.*

A Committee chosen 26th Jan., 1808, respecting a public celebration of the anniversary of the Landing of the Forefathers, were asked for a report, but the Chairman was absent.

Dr. Eliot requested to be excused from serving on that committee.

Voted, To comply;

And Judge Davis was chosen in his place.

The Committee chosen 29th Aug., 1809, to repair the roof, reported that they had executed their commission. They were authorized and requested to adjust the expense, amounting to twenty-six dollars, with the proprietors of the Boston Library, and draw on the Treasurer for the proportion due by this Society.

The Standing Committee were discharged from farther attention to the commission given them 26th April, 1810,

* The records of this meeting are in the handwriting of Professor McKean, who continued to keep them as Recording Secretary till the August meeting, 1817. — Eds.

respecting a loan of duplicate minerals to the Cabinet at Cambridge.

The Committee chosen 4th May, 1809, to designate books not removable from the Society's room, reported progress, and were requested to continue attention to the subject.

The Committee chosen 25th April, 1811, to procure the printing of the Catalogue, presented their report. (On file.)

Voted, That each member be entitled to one copy, and that the assessment for the year 1812 be two dollars and fifty cents, — fifty cents being the price to members, and seventy-five to all other purchasers.

Voted, That ten copies be sent to Rev. Timothy Alden, as an expression of the gratitude of the Society for his services in the compilation of this Catalogue.

Voted, That ten copies be presented to the Committee who have superintended the publication of this Catalogue.

Rev. Mr. Buckminster was chosen to collect and report the ballots; and

Moses Fiske, Esq., of Tennessee, was chosen a Corresponding Member.

The Standing Committee reported as on nomination for Resident Members: Joseph Tilden, Esq., of Boston, Samuel Davis, Esq., of Plymouth, and Mr. Elisha Clap, of Boston.

Edward Jenner, M.D., of Great Britain, was nominated as a Corresponding Member by Rev. Timothy Alden (in a letter to Mr. McKean).

Dissolved.

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QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1812.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 30th Jan., 1812, — the members present were, A. Bradford, J. Davis, J. Eliot, C. Gore, J. McKean, J. Pierce, O. Rich, W. S. Shaw, D. A. Tyng, R. Webster, and J. Winthrop.

The President in the chair.

Mr. McKEAN was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*

W. S. SHAW, Esq., was appointed to collect and report the ballots for two members.

Mr. SAMUEL DAVIS, of Plymouth, and JOSEPH TILDEN, Esq., of Boston, were unanimously elected members.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Samuel Gore for painting the new cabinet for mineralogy.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1812.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 30th April, 1812, — the members present were, J. Davis, A. Dexter, J. Eliot, J. Freeman, T. M. Harris, J. Homer, J. McKean, J. Mellen, J. Pierce, and J. Tilden.

Judge DAVIS in the chair.

Rev. Dr. FREEMAN having declined serving longer as Recording Secretary, JOSEPH McKEAN was chosen to that office for the year ensuing.

Voted, unanimously, that the thanks of this Society be presented to Rev. James Freeman, D.D., for his long, able, and faithful services as Recording Secretary.*

Rev. Mr. Harris was appointed to collect and report the ballots for officers.

Hon. CHRISTOPHER GORE	was chosen	President.
Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY	"	Treasurer.
Rev. Dr. JOHN ELIOT	"	Corresponding Secretary.
JOSEPH McKEAN	"	Recording Secretary.
Major JOSEPH TILDEN	"	Librarian.
Dr. REDFORD WEBSTER	"	Cabinet-Keeper.
Hon. JAMES WINTHROP Hon. JOHN DAVIS THOMAS L. WINTHROP, Esq. Rev. Dr. ABIEL HOLMES Rev. Dr. JAMES FREEMAN	were chosen	Standing Committee.

Nomination: By Hon. J. Quincy (in a letter to Rev. Dr. Freeman) Hon. Timothy Pitkin, Jr., Member of Congress from Connecticut.

Dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At the stated quarterly meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 25th Aug., 1812, — the members present were, A. Bradford, C. Bulfinch, J. Coolidge, J. Davis, A. Dexter, J. Eliot, J. Freeman, C. Gore, A. Holmes, J. McKean, W. D. Peck, J. Pierce, J. Quincy, J. Tilden, W. Tudor, D. A. Tyng, R. Webster, P. Whitney, and T. L. Winthrop.

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* Dr. Freeman had now held the office since 1793, a period of nineteen years. — Eds.

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T. L. WINTHROP, Esq., in the chair. The President soon came in.

Mr. T. L. WINTHROP and Rev. Dr. ELIOT chosen to collect and report ballots. They reported that Hon. TIMOTHY PITKIN, Member of Congress from Connecticut, was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member of this Society.

The Standing Committee reported Mr. Elisha Clap, of Boston, on nomination as a Resident Member.

A letter was received and communicated from Stephen Higginson, Jr., Esq., resigning his place in this Society.

Voted, That the Secretary be requested to cause a complete set of the Collections to be bound and presented in the name of the Society to the Legislature of the Commonwealth, for the use of its Library.

At the request of the Recording Secretary for instruction respecting the mode of notifying the meetings of the Society:

Voted, That he publish the time and place of every meeting in two at least of the Boston newspapers, and also send a notification to every member whose usual residence is within ten miles of Boston.

Also, *voted*, That the Publishing Committee may procure any copying of papers which they deem necessary, at the expense of the Society.

Voted, That Article VI. of the Laws regulating the Standing Committee be altered by the omission of the words "in the week," and by substituting the words "the President" for "the Recording Secretary." "They shall meet previous," &c. "The President shall notify," &c.

Dissolved.* JOSEPH MCKEAN, *Rec. Sec.*

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* Rev. Joseph Stevens Buckminster, chosen a member in April, 1811, died June 9, 1812, at the age of twenty-eight. A memoir of him by the Hon. James Savage is in 2 Collections, II. 271–274. — EDS.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At the stated quarterly meeting of the Society, Oct. 29, 1812, — the members present were, J. Bartlett, A. Bradford, G. Bradford, A. Dexter, J. Eliot, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Morse, J. Pierce, J. Quincy, J. Tilden, R. Webster, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

In the absence of the President, Hon. Judge Winthrop in the chair.

T. L. Winthrop, Esq., R. Webster, Esq., and G. Bradford, Esq., were chosen a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and report.

The Standing Committee reported James Savage, Esq., of Boston, on nomination as a Resident Member.

Rev. Dr. Eliot and Mr. Pierce were appointed a committee to collect and report ballots; who reported that Mr. Elisha Clap was elected unanimously a Resident Member, and Edward Jenner, M.D., a Corresponding Member.

The Committee chosen 26th Jan., 1808, and renewed 31st Oct., 1811, on the subject of celebrating the anniversary, were requested to report as soon as may be.

Voted, To add two members to the Publishing Committee.

Alden Bradford, Esq., and Rev. John Pierce were elected.

Dissolved.

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QUARTERLY MEETING, January, 1813.

At the stated quarterly meeting, 28th Jan., 1813, — the members present were, J. Eliot, J. Freeman, C. Gore, T. M. Harris, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Tilden, T. L. Winthrop; came in during the meeting, A. Bradford, A. Holmes, J. Mellen, W. S. Shaw, and R. Webster.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

The Committee chosen 26th Jan., 1808, reported verbally, by their chairman, that they wished for the opinion of the Society on the subject, previous to a formal report.

Voted, To refer the farther consideration of the subject to the next meeting.

Rev. Messrs. Harris and Pierce, a committee appointed to collect the ballots, reported that James Savage, Esq., was unanimously elected a Resident Member.

Rev. Dr. Eliot communicated to the Society an application from New York for the purchase of Des Barres's Charts, for which one hundred and fifty dollars a volume was offered.

Voted, Not to dispose of them.

Nominations of Corresponding Members: Rev. Eliphalet Nott, D.D., President of Union College, Schenectady, New York, by Joseph McKean; Hon. Elias Boudinot, LL.D., of Burlington, New Jersey, by Rev.

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Dr. Eliot; His Honor John Cotton Smith, Lieutenant-Governor of Connecticut (Sharon), by Rev. Dr. Holmes.

Dissolved.*

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1813.

At the stated quarterly meeting, April 29, 1813, — the members present were, J. Coolidge, J. Freeman, C. Gannett, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Mellen, J. Pierce, W. S. Shaw, J. Tilden, T. L. Winthrop; came in during the meeting, E. Clap, J. Davis, J. T. Kirkland, J. Quincy, and J. Savage.

In the absence of the President, T. L. WINTHROP, Esq., in the chair.

Messrs. COOLIDGE and TILDEN were appointed to report ballots.

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* The Society issued in the early part of this year, in a pamphlet of twenty-six pages, "The Act of Incorporation, By-Laws, Catalogue of Members, and Circular Letter of the Massachusetts Historical Society." The whole was prefixed to the first volume, second series, of the Collections, published in 1814. The Circular Letter was that drawn up by Dr. Belknap, and issued in 1794, in a separate pamphlet, as well as in Vol. IV. of the Collections.

This Circular Letter, prepared by Dr. Belknap, was also reissued, probably at this time, on a quarto sheet for general distribution.

The Society also issued, about the same time, a new Circular Letter, drawn up by Dr. John Eliot, agreeably to a vote adopted April 26, 1810, its preparation having been temporarily superseded by another address. It was printed on a quarto sheet, in two forms. One form was designed to be sent to newly elected members, and contained a heading with blank spaces to be filled up and signed by the Recording Secretary, to notify members of their election. At the foot, Articles I. and II. of the By-Laws were added. The other form of the Letter was for general circulation. The Letter is also included in 2 Collections, II. 277–280.

A letter of Dr. McKean, the Recording Secretary, to Dr. Eliot, on file, suggested the preparation of the Circular in the mode in which it was printed. — EDS.

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The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: —

Hon. CHRISTOPHER GORE	was chosen	President.
Rev. JOSEPH McKEAN	"	Recording Secretary.
Rev. ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	"	Corresponding Secretary.
Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY	"	Treasurer.
JOSEPH TILDEN, Esq.	"	Librarian.
REDFORD WEBSTER, Esq.	"	Cabinet-Keeper.
Hon. JAMES WINTHROP Hon. JOHN DAVIS, Esq. THOMAS L. WINTHROP, Esq. Rev. JAMES FREEMAN, D.D. JOHN PIERCE	were chosen	Standing Committee.

Rev. Eliphalet Nott, D.D., President of Union College, Hon. Elias Boudinot, LL.D., of Burlington, New Jersey, and His Excellency John Cotton Smith, Governor of Connecticut, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Hon. Josiah Quincy, Rev. Abiel Holmes, D.D., Thaddeus M. Harris, and Joseph McKean were chosen the Publishing Committee for the second volume, new series.

The Standing Committee reported Dr. Ephraim Eliot on nomination as a Resident Member.

The Treasurer reported that he had received a donation from Samuel Eliot, Esq., of fifty dollars.*

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* The donor was the founder of the Eliot Professorship in Harvard College, and a cousin of Dr. John Eliot, then recently deceased. In acknowledging to Dr. Holmes his letter of thanks, under date of 16th of August, 1813, Mr. Eliot says: "The vote of thanks of the Massachusetts Historical Society I esteem and appreciate as an honor done me, and my best acknowledgments are due to you, Sir, for the impressive and very friendly mode you have adopted in your communication of it.

"The death of Dr. Eliot, to which you allude, was, indeed, a most distressing event. I lost in him one of the last of my bosom friends, — a breach not to be repaired at my time of life. The hand of God is still pressing upon me,

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Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary return the thanks of the Society to Mr. Eliot; and also to the Rev. Bishop Hobart, of New York, for a valuable present of the Churchman's Magazine, eight volumes, 1804 to 1811, and Episcopal Journals, &c.

Voted, That this Society will celebrate the anniversary of the Landing of the Forefathers, on the 22d of December next, by a public discourse, and that at the next meeting the Society will elect some one to deliver it; that the Standing Committee make the requisite arrangements as to the hour, place, &c.

A report of the state of the Treasury in November last was made, stating a balance then on hand of two hundred and seven dollars and fifty-nine cents.

Voted, That the assessment for 1814 be one dollar and fifty cents, in addition to the stated sum of two dollars; and that this payment entitle every member to the first volume, new series, about to be published.

Dissolved.*

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At the stated quarterly meeting, 24th Aug., 1813, — the members present were, A. Dexter, J. Freeman, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Prince, J. Quincy, R. Webster,

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as I have before my view a much nearer bereavement. May I bow with resignation to His holy will." The reference here is to the illness of his son, Charles Eliot (Harvard College, 1809), who died in September of this year. — Eds.

* Rev. John Eliot, D.D., one of the original members of the Society, died Feb. 14, 1813. A sketch of his life and character, by Professor Joseph McKean, is in 2 Collections, I. 211–248.

Dr. Eliot was one of the most faithful of the Society's laborers The first ten volumes of the Collections bear testimony to his industry, and to his devotion to the institution which he assisted in founding. One of his last acts was the drawing up of a letter intended for general circulation, showing the purposes of the Society, and what it had already accomplished. This letter, dated the year of his death, is printed in 2 Collections, II. 277–280. — Eds.

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T. L. Winthrop, P. Whitney; came in, A. Bradford, G. Bradford, J. Bartlett, C. Gore, and W. D. Peck.

In the absence of the President, T. L. WINTHROP, Esq., in the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Ballots were brought in for the election of a Resident Member, unanimously, for Dr. EPHRAIM ELIOT.

The President came in.

Letters were read from Hon. Elias Boudinot, LL.D., of Burlington, New Jersey, and from His Excellency J. C. Smith, of Sharon, Connecticut, acknowledging their election as Corresponding Members, and accepting the choice. Mr. Boudinot enclosed fifty dollars, for which the thanks of the Society were voted, to be communicated by the Corresponding Secretary.*

Ballots were brought in for a person to deliver a discourse on the 22d of December next, and it appeared that Hon. Mr. Gore had eleven votes, and Rev. Dr. Freeman one. The President, Mr. Gore, expressed his sense of the respectful notice; but, on account of his engagements in the Senate of the United States at that time, he asked to be excused.

Voted, That he be excused.

Ballots were again brought in, and Judge Davis had

* Mr. Boudinot's acceptance of his membership, in a letter to Dr. Holmes, was dated Burlington, July 8, 1813. "I have paid attention," he says, "to the Constitution of your Society, enclosed by you. I observe a discrimination made between the Resident and the Corresponding Members, as to annual contributions, from which the Corresponding Members are excused. Although this may generally be proper, yet I cannot think of taking any advantage of this privilege. I therefore enclose you a first bill of exchange . . . for that sum [fifty dollars], which I beg you will carry to the credit of the Society as my donation as a member." — EDS.

ten votes, Rev. Dr. Freeman, two, and Rev. Dr. Holmes, two.

Dr. Freeman was appointed a committee to communicate this choice to Judge Davis.

John Pintard, Esq., was nominated a Corresponding Member by Mr. T. Alden.*

Voted, That the Cabinet-Keeper and Librarian be a committee to procure any repairs which, in their opinion, are necessary to the Society's room.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At the stated quarterly meeting, 28th Oct., 1813, — the members present were, J. Davis, E. Eliot, T. M. Harris, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Tilden, and T. L. Winthrop; came in, A. Bradford, J. Homer, A. Dexter, J. Savage, J. T. Kirkland, E. Clap, G. Bradford, and J. Morse.

In the absence of the President, Hon. Judge Davis in the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

James Savage, Esq., was appointed to collect and report the ballots, who reported that Mr. John Pintard, of New York, was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member. Nine ballots.

David Hosack, M.D., was nominated a Corresponding Member by Rev. Mr. Pierce; John Wakefield Francis,

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* Mr. Alden, now residing in New York or its neighborhood, and forming the acquaintance of literary and historical characters there, the Society were, no doubt, very willing to receive his suggestions as to the names of suitable persons to be nominated for Corresponding Members. — Eds.

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M.D., by Rev. T. Alden; and Rev. William Harris, D.D. (all of New York), by Mr. McKean.

Communications were made of several donations to the Society.

Voted, That the two Secretaries be added to the Committee for making arrangements for 22d December.

Voted, To adjourn to December 22, to meet at the Society's room, at ten o'clock A.M.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At the adjournment, 22d Dec., 1813, — the members present were, J. Allyn, A. Bradford, G. Bradford, D. Davis, J. McKean, J. Pierce, R. Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

T. L. WINTHROP, Esq., in the chair.

Voted, To adjourn to Concert Hall, immediately after the services at the Chapel.

Several other members came in; and, at eleven o'clock, the Society proceeded to King's Chapel, where, after a prayer by Rev. Dr. Freeman, and hymns, a discourse was delivered by Hon. Judge Davis. This was followed by a prayer by Rev. Dr. Holmes, and an appropriate hymn, composed for the occasion by Mr. Nathaniel L. Frothingham.

Present in the course of the forenoon and dinner, besides those enumerated before, J. Bartlett, C. Bulfinch, J. Coolidge, J. Davis, A. Dexter, E. Eliot, J. Freeman, C. Gannett, T. M. Harris, A. Holmes, J. Homer, J. T. Kirkland, J. Morse, W. D. Peck, J. Prince,

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J. Quincy, J. Savage, W. S. Shaw, W. Spooner, W. Sullivan, Isaiah Thomas, J. Tilden, W. Tudor, and D. A. Tyng.

Dissolved. JOSEPH McKEAN.

At the adjournment at Concert Hall, on motion of Rev. Dr. FREEMAN,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Hon. Judge Davis for his discourse, this day delivered; and that he be requested to furnish a copy for the press.

Voted, That Hon. Mr. Quincy, Rev. Drs. Morse and Kirkland be a committee to communicate the foregoing vote.

Hon. Mr. QUINCY reported that Judge Davis will comply.*

On motion of Dr. MORSE, that the Society now vote to celebrate this day annually, it was referred to the meeting in January for discussion and decision.

Voted, To instruct the Publishing Committee to finish the volume which has been so long in the press with this discourse, and endeavor that it be ready by the January meeting.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the musicians for their excellent performances to-day, and also to the proprietors of King's Chapel for the use of their house.

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Prince and Charles Bulfinch, Esq., be a committee to ascertain the elevation of the three principal hills from which the ancient name of our metropolis, Trimountain, was derived, and to furnish a vertical section, and such other description as they may deem useful and important, to be preserved in the archives of this Society.

Voted, That Rev. Abiel Holmes, D.D., Dr. A. Dexter, and Alden Bradford, Esq., be a committee to apply to the Trustees of the New England Library, so called, for the deposit of the same in the Historical Room; and, if they shall consent, to agree on the conditions

* Judge Davis's Discourse was published in 2 Collections, Vol. I. Copies were also issued separately from the same types. — EDS.

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of the deposit, to give a receipt for the books, &c., to superintend the removal and disposition of them, provide cases, if necessary, and, in general, to act for this Society on the subject; and, if legislative consent be requisite, to apply for the same, either singly or in connection with the said Trustees, as may be deemed most advantageous and proper.*

Dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1814.

At the stated quarterly meeting, 27th Jan., 1814,—the members present were, T. Alden, E. Clap, J. Cooolidge, J. McKean, J. Pierce, and R. Webster; came in, J. Winthrop, T. L. Winthrop, E. Eliot, A. Holmes, and J. Davis.

In the absence of the President, Rev. Mr. PIERCE in the chair.

Hon. Mr. J. WINTHROP came in, and took the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Rev. Mr. PIERCE appointed to collect and report the ballots. He reported that DAVID HOSACK, M.D., JOHN WAKEFIELD FRANCIS, M.D., and Rev. WILLIAM HARRIS, D.D., all of New York, were unanimously elected Corresponding Members.

The motion of Rev. Dr. Morse, referred from the adjourned meeting, that the Society agree annually to celebrate the 22d of December by a public discourse, was taken up, and referred to the next meeting, notice of it to be given to the members.

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* This Committee reported at the October meeting, 1817.—EDS.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated several letters and donations.*

The Recording Secretary was desired to give notice of the volume now published, and of the purposes of the Society to print annually.

Hon. De Witt Clinton, of New York, was nominated a Corresponding Member by Rev. Timothy Alden.

Dissolved.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1814.

April 28. At the stated quarterly meeting (last Thursday in April), the members present were, J.

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* Among the donations received was a "Spelling Book in the Language of the Seven Iroquois Nations." The gift was accompanied by the following letter from Jason Chamberlain, Esq., dated "University of Vermont, Burlington, 18th Nov., 1813," addressed to the Corresponding Secretary: —

"Presuming that you would wish to preserve a specimen of the Iroquois language in your Historical Collections, I take the liberty to send you their Spelling Book. It was written by a descendant of the late Rev. Mr. Williams, of Deerfield, Massachusetts. His daughter, during her captivity, was married to an Indian, and would not return to her parents. From these two are descended those who are called by the name of Williams among the Iroquois. The author of the Spelling Book has been decently educated. He has published a religious tract, which I have seen, and is now composing a catechism. I will forward these to your Society, if you think they will be of any service. I have seen the Gospel of St. John, and some works by Norton, one of their chiefs. A number in these Nations can read. They have adopted the French alphabet and sounds of letters, but I think that their orthography might be much improved. I found many at Cochnawaga who could speak French tolerably well."

This Spelling Book is entered in the Society's Catalogue under the name of the Rev. Eleazar Williams, as author; Plattsburg, 1813. The Catalogue notices also other works by the same author, as published by the Episcopal Tract Society. Mr. Williams subsequently derived considerable notoriety by an article in Putnam's Magazine, entitled, "Have we a Bourbon among us?" and a volume afterward published by the same author, the Rev. J. H. Hanson, called, "The Lost Prince." — EDS.

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Allen, J. Davis, J. Freeman, T. M. Harris, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Quincy, R. Webster, T. L. Winthrop; came in, W. Spooner, A. Bradford, G. Bradford, J. Savage, A. Dexter, E. Eliot, and Isa. Thomas.

In the absence of the President, Judge DAVIS took the chair.

Rev. Dr. HARRIS and REDFORD WEBSTER, Esq., were appointed to collect and report the votes for officers. They reported that

HON. CHRISTOPHER GORE	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH McKEAN	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
REV. ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
HON. JOSIAH QUINCY	"	TREASURER.
JAMES SAVAGE, ESQ.	"	LIBRARIAN.
REDFORD WEBSTER, ESQ.	"	CABINET-KEEPER.
HON. JAMES WINTHROP JOHN DAVIS, LL.D. REV. JAMES FREEMAN, D.D. T. L. WINTHROP, ESQ. REV. JOHN PIERCE	were chosen	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Hon. DE WITT CLINTON was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member.

The question on celebrating the anniversary was taken up, agreeably to assignment, and Dr. Morse's motion on that subject was negatived.

Dr. SPOONER moved that the Society celebrate the 22d of December next, which was amended by Dr. FREEMAN, and then

Voted, That a dissertation on some historical subject be delivered before the Society in the course of the present year, at the meeting in October; and that the Standing Committee appoint some member for that purpose, and arrange all particulars concerning it.

Hon. Mr. GORE, Mr. SAVAGE, and Dr. SPOONER were appointed a committee to represent to the Legislature

the opinion of the Society that it is important to publish Hubbard's MS. History, and to ask for aid in that design and other public objects of the Society.

The Recording Secretary was directed to secure for the Society the copyright of said History.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

August 30. At the stated quarterly meeting, — the members present were, G. Bradford, J. Davis, C. Gore, J. Freeman, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Quincy, R. Webster, T. L. Winthrop; came in, P. Whitney, J. Bartlett, W. Tudor, and J. Savage.

Several communications were made of donations and correspondence.*

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* On the 21st of August, 1814, died at Auteuil, France, Count Rumford, in the sixty-second year of his age. It will be remembered that, on the 19th of July, 1798, a letter was read from Count Rumford, acknowledging the honor of his election as a Corresponding Member; and that the Corresponding Secretary was directed to forward to him one set of the Society's Collections, in four volumes, handsomely bound. To the Secretary's communication thereupon, Count Rumford made the following reply, which is not referred to in the records, though it is on file in the Society's archives: —

"London, 2 Nov., 1798.

"Rev. Sir, — I am much obliged to you for your polite and friendly letter, and hope ere long to have it in my power to thank you for it in person, and to pay my personal respects to the worthy members of the respectable Society to which I have the honor to belong. The honor you have done me by publishing my letter to the late Dr. Belknap, your worthy predecessor, I consider as an unequivocal proof of your friendship and of your desire that I should stand well in the good opinion of my countrymen.

"The many proofs I have received, and am receiving every day, of the indulgence and regard for me have rendered me quite impatient to find myself among them. It is with much respect and esteem that I have the honor to be, reverend Sir, your most obedient servant,

"Rumford.

"To the Rev. John Eliot, D.D." Eds.

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Voted, That Rev. Dr. Freeman, Hon. Josiah Quincy, A. Bradford, Esq., and James Savage, Esq., be a committee to prepare and publish the third volume, second series, and also to superintend the reprinting of the deficient volumes.

A request of Mr. Kollock was made through Rev. T. ALDEN for the loan of certain works of President Dickinson, to be reprinted in an entire collection of his works, of which a copy shall be sent to this Society.

Voted, To grant the request.

At the request of the Recording Secretary for instructions in regard to the gratuitous distribution of the present series of the Society's publications,

Voted, That to the following persons and public institutions a copy of the two volumes already printed, and all future volumes, be presented in the name and behalf of the Society: —

Robert Anderson, Esq., M.D., Edinburgh.
Rev. C. D. Ebeling, Professor, &c., Hamburgh.
American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Massachusetts.
American Philosophical Society, Pennsylvania.
The late Dr. Jeremy Belknap's Daughters. (Voted Oct. 27, 1814.)
Bowdoin College, District of Maine.
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.
Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences.
Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.
Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia. (Voted Aug. 29, 1815.)
Massachusetts Legislature; for the Library.
New York Historical Society.
Theological Institution, Andover, Massachusetts.
Yale College, New Haven, Connecticut.
Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts.
Williams Library (for the Dissenting Ministers), London.

The subject of arrangements for the discourse at the next meeting was called up by Mr. PIERCE. The Standing Committee informed the Society that they had unanimously elected the Recording Secretary for that service. He observed that, having introduced the orig-

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inal motion in favor of a *public* anniversary-discourse, which the Society have voted not to adopt, he wished the vote passed at the last meeting respecting a dissertation in private to be reconsidered. This motion was seconded by Mr. Pierce, and passed.

The Committee to apply for aid in the publishing of Hubbard's History made a report, which was accepted.*

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of this Society to prepare and present a petition to the General Court for assistance in the publication of Hubbard's "History of New England," have attended to that service, and have the pleasure of reporting that the Legislature received the proposition with the feelings which the Society would have expected from that body; and annex the copy of a Resolve passed thereon, which is respectfully submitted: —

"Upon the petition of C. Gore, William Spooner, and James Savage, Esquires, in behalf of the Historical Society: —

"*Resolved*, for the reasons set forth in the said petition, that the Legislature will take six hundred copies of Hubbard's 'General History of New England,' to be published by the said Society, to consist of one volume, and will pay the said Society two dollars for each volume, printed on good paper and well bound.

"And the Governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Treasury for the same, upon the delivery of the books to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and that one copy of said work shall be sent to the Clerk of each town in the Commonwealth, for the use of the inhabitants thereof, and the residue shall remain at the disposal of the Legislature." †

Per order, C. Gore.

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* The report is on file, and is here published. — Eds.

† Some twenty years previously, Mr. Thomas Wallcut, one of the original members of the Society, addressed a letter to Dr. John Eliot, suggesting that application be made by the Society to the Legislature for aid in printing the valuable manuscripts in the Society's possession, and in the archives of the State and elsewhere. In his list he enumerated the Records of the Province of Maine, of the Colony of Plymouth and of Massachusetts, of the Colony under

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

Oct. 27, 1814. At the stated quarterly meeting, — the members present were, G. Bradford, E. Clap, J. Coolidge, J. Freeman, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Savage, J. Tilden; came in, R. Webster, J. Bartlett, J. Morse, J. Davis, A. Dexter, and W. Tudor.

In the absence of the President, Hon. Judge WINTHROP took the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Holmes and J. McKean be authorized and requested to continue the superintendence of the publication of Hubbard's MS. History of New England.*

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the Duke of York, and of the United Colonies; the Histories of Hubbard and of Niles; all the Letters and other original papers from the agents of the Colony or Province to the Court of Great Britain; and Journals and other Proceedings of the Provincial, Colonial, State, and County Conventions, &c. He thought the annual appropriation by the State of one hundred pounds for this purpose would be reasonable. But in case this application for a draft upon the public chest did not prove successful, he suggested that a petition for one or two townships, without the usual conditions of settlement, be made, to form an accumulating fund for the purpose indicated. A draft of a petition to the Legislature, in Mr. Wallcut's hand, suggests that books thus printed should be placed in the library of each parish, college, and academy of the State. There is no evidence that Mr. Wallcut's public-spirited and benevolent scheme was ever brought to the Society's attention. — EDS.

* The Society issued its prospectus, for publishing Hubbard's History, on a broadside, some copies of which are preserved in the Library. It was dated "Cambridge, 1st August, 1814," that place being the residence of the printers of the book, Messrs. Hilliard & Metcalf, and of the editors, Dr. Holmes and Dr. McKean. The prospectus was reprinted in 2 Collections, II. 281–283; and its language was adopted, with slight changes, as the preface to the printed work issued in the following year. The Committee had hopes of supplying the deficiency in the Society's manuscript of Hubbard by means of a perfect copy in England, but they were disappointed. The correspondence relating to the subject may be seen in 2 Collections, III. 286–290. This desirable result, however, has recently been attained, and we need only refer the reader to the Proceedings of the Society for February, 1878, pp. 38–41. — EDS.

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Voted, That the daughters of the late Rev. Dr. Belknap be added to the list of those to whom the volumes are to be given.*

Rev. James Richards, of Newark, New Jersey, was nominated a Corresponding Member by Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr.

Voted, That a bill of thirty dollars for numbering the books be allowed.

At the request of the Treasurer, Mr. TILDEN and Mr. COOLIDGE were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Dissolved. JOSEPH MCKEAN.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1815.

Jan. 26, 1815. At the stated quarterly meeting of the Society, — the members present were, A. Bradford, G. Bradford, E. Clap, J. Coolidge, J. Freeman, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Winthrop; came in, T. L. Winthrop, J. Tilden, W. D. Peck, A. Holmes, J. Bartlett, and W. Tudor.

In the absence of the President, Judge WINTHROP took the chair.

Ballots were brought in for election, and the Rev. JAMES RICHARDS, of Newark, New Jersey, was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member.

A report was made by the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts, stating that on the 26th of December, 1814, the balance in his hands was eighty-three dollars and forty-two cents.

Several communications were made by the Corre-

* Subsequently inserted in the list drawn up at the last meeting. — EDS.

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sponding Secretary of letters and donations received since the last meeting.

Voted, That the Librarian, Cabinet-Keeper, and Recording Secretary be a committee to apprize the duplicate books and pamphlets, and endeavor to dispose of the same, — members of the Society to have the preference as purchasers, — and to expend the proceeds in procuring the binding of pamphlets, &c.

Voted, That Hon. William Tudor, J. Quincy, and J. Savage, Esq., be a committee to consider the expediency of enforcing Article II. of the By-Laws, respecting delinquent members.*

ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1815.

April 27. At the stated quarterly meeting, — the members present were, A. Bradford, J. Davis, J. Freeman, C. Gannett, C. Gore, A. Holmes, J. Homer, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Quincy, J. Savage, R. Webster, T. L. Winthrop; came in, J. Prince and T. M. Harris.

The Hon. President in the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Rev. Mr. Pierce and Dr. R. Webster were appointed to collect and report the ballots for officers. The following were declared to be chosen: —

Hon. CHRISTOPHER GORE, LL.D.,	was chosen	President.
JOSEPH McKEAN	"	Recording Secretary.
Rev. ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	"	Corresponding Secretary.
Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY	"	Treasurer.
JAMES SAVAGE, Esq.	"	Librarian.
REDFORD WEBSTER, Esq.	"	Cabinet-Keeper.
Hon. JAMES WINTHROP Hon. JOHN DAVIS, LL.D. THOMAS L. WINTHROP, Esq. Rev. JAMES FREEMAN, D.D. Rev. JOHN PIERCE	were chosen	Standing Committee.

* The reference is to the clause on p. 222, made part of Article II. of the By-Laws, as printed in 2 Collections, I. 3. — Eds.

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Letters were communicated from Hon. William Baylies, Rev. Zephaniah Willis, and Rev. Manasseh Cutler, LL.D., resigning their several connections with this Society.*

Voted, To accept their resignations respectively.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to remit the sums due from Rev. Mr. Willis, and to express to him the regret of the Society at his relinquishing a connection, the literary obligations of which he was so able and disposed to advance.

The Standing Committee reported that Rev. Charles Lowell, Hon. Charles Jackson, and Levi Hedge, Esq., are on nomination as Resident Members.

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* Dr. Baylies addressed the following letter to the Treasurer of the Society:

"WELLINGTON, April 20th, 1815.

"SIR, — I have sent enclosed ten dollars. My health is such, and has been for a number of years, that I can neither promise myself punctuality nor usefulness for the future. I therefore wish to be considered as no longer a member of the Historical Society. Of this, Sir, you will be kind enough to inform them, hoping, at the same time, that the greatest utility which has hitherto marked its progress will continue. Please to accept my best wishes and the assurance of my great respect.

"WILLIAM BAYLIES.

"Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY."

Dr. Baylies was one of the ten original members of the Society. He graduated at Harvard College in 1760, was a member of the Provincial Congress in 1775, and frequently a member of the Council. By profession he was a physician. He died at Dighton, — a part of whose territory was once included in the now extinct town of Wellington, whence his letter is addressed, — on the 17th of June, 1826, aged eighty-two.

Dr. Cutler wrote, under date of 18th April, enclosing twelve dollars, the sum due from him to the Society. He said he had been afflicted with the asthma for several years, and found it increasing upon him, and it was not in his power to attend the meetings of the Society. He also added that, on account of the pressure of the time, he found it inconvenient to pay the annual taxes. He therefore requested to be no longer considered a member.

Dr. Cutler was a warm friend of Dr. Belknap. His connection with the Ohio Company, and with the Ordinance of 1787, has recently formed the subject of an interesting article in the "North American Review" for April, 1876, by our Corresponding Member, Mr. W. F. Poole, of Chicago. — EDS.

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Voted, That the Treasurer report from time to time those members who neglect to pay their admission or annual assessments, as required by Article II.*

The Committee on the subject of that Article reported "that it is expedient to enforce it," &c.†

Voted, To accept the report.

Voted, That the Committee for publishing Hubbard's History be authorized to procure the binding of the copies, and to carry into effect all the measures necessary to obtaining the sum granted by the Legislature.

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* See pp. 222 and 245. — Eds.

† The Society had no funds, and, of course, were dependent on the admission fees and the annual assessments for existence; and any laxity on the part of the members in complying with the rules in this respect created serious embarrassment. As early as January, 1797 (see p. 105), the Society found it necessary to adopt a By-Law on this subject; and, in March, 1805 (see p. 169), the Treasurer was directed to send bills to members who had not paid their assessments. In August, 1808, the Standing Committee made a report on the subject of delinquent members (see p. 197), which was recommitted to the same Committee; and, at the same time, the Treasurer was directed to write to such members, and administer a serious warning. At the October meeting following (see p. 199), the Standing Committee again submitted their report, with the necessary corrections, which was ordered to be put on file, and to be taken up at the next meeting. The records are silent as to the nature of the report of the Standing Committee, or as to any further action on that report by the Society.

This report of the Standing Committee, submitted at the August and October meetings, in 1808, is on file, and we give it a place here: —

"The Committee, agreeably to verbal instructions, having taken into consideration the subject of delinquencies, propose that any person elected a member, and not having paid his admission money for the space of one year, shall be considered as not having accepted, and his place be declared vacant.

"That, whereas, in the year 1805, the account against each member was transmitted by the Treasurer, Mr. Quincy, with a request that the same might be discharged, and, notwithstanding which, the arrearages that were then due, as well as the assessments that have since accrued, remain unpaid, thereby disabling the Society from the regular payment of its ordinary expenses from its own funds, it is further proposed that the Treasurer be requested to state to the delinquent members the spirit and intention of the Article respecting yearly assessments; that the expenses of the Society are such as require either that all arrearages be paid, or that the delinquent members should give place to such persons as the Society may think would take a greater interest in the concerns of the institution; and that, at the next quarterly meeting, the right of disfran-

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Voted, To send the first volume of the second series of the Collections to the Library Company of Philadelphia.

Voted, That any member moving out of the State shall be considered as no longer a Resident Member, but his name be transferred to the list of Corresponding Members.

Dissolved. JOSEPH McKEAN.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Aug. 29. At the stated quarterly meeting, — the members present were, J. Freeman, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Savage, R. Webster, P. Whitney; came in,

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chisement be carried into effect, or that all who neglect to pay within a specified time be considered as having relinquished their seats.

"Which is submitted by order of the Committee.

"REDFORD WEBSTER.

"Mr. Winthrop being absent."

The following memorandum of the Standing Committee, in the hand of James Winthrop, its Chairman, is minuted on the same paper: —

"BOSTON, 25th October, 1808.

"Pursuant to the vote of the Historical Society, passed on the 30th of August last, the Committee therein mentioned have taken the foregoing draft into consideration, and made the necessary corrections, and recommend it to the Society for their adoption. By order, JAMES WINTHROP.

"[At a meeting of the Society,] 25th October, 1808, read and referred to the next meeting."

The following, in Judge Davis's hand, is subjoined: —

"At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 31, 1809, — the above report being read: —

"*Voted*, That it be recommitted, and that the Standing Committee be requested to report such amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Society, and such directions relative to the communication to future members that may be elected of the terms and conditions of membership, as shall in their opinion most effectually secure the seasonable payment of the annual assessments."

This last vote was not entered in the Recording Secretary's records, and no further votes on the subject are found till August, 1811 (see p. 222), when the vote was adopted which is referred to in the text at this place. — EDS.

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J. Pierce, E. Clap, J. Bartlett, J. Davis, J. Quincy, W. Shaw, and W. Tudor.

Rev. Dr. FREEMAN in the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Mr. CLAP and Mr. SAVAGE were appointed to collect and report ballots.

On motion of Mr. McKEAN,

Voted, unanimously, that, in balloting for members, and in taking any questions by yeas and nays (which shall be done when required by one-third of the members present), the law and custom of our forefathers be adopted, as it stands in the Statute of Elections, 1643, *mutatis mutandis*, "For the yearly choosing of assistants, the freemen shall use Indian corn and beans, the Indian corn to manifest election, and the beans contrary."

The Committee reported that Rev. CHARLES LOWELL, Hon. CHARLES JACKSON, and LEVI HEDGE, Esq., were unanimously elected Resident Members.

Voted, That with especial reference to the including Hubbard's History in the index to the Society's Collections, three hundred copies of said History be put into two volumes, and constitute the fifth and sixth volumes of the Collections.

Ballots were brought in for a committee to publish the fourth volume of the Collections. Hon. WILLIAM TUDOR, JOHN DAVIS, J. McKEAN, and JAMES SAVAGE, Esq., were unanimously chosen.

Voted, To add King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia, to the list of those who are to receive the Society's publications, gratis.*

Voted, That public notice be given that the subscription to Hubbard's History is closed; and that, as very few copies remain for sale, the price to non-subscribers be five dollars, in plain binding, or four dollars and seventy-five cents, in boards.

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* Inserted in the list drawn up at the August meeting. — EDS.

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Several communications were made of letters, donations to the Library, and articles for the Collections, acknowledged in the volumes.*

Dissolved.† JOSEPH McKEAN.

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* It will have been seen that, for the past few years, the former practice of recording all donations to the Library and Cabinet of the Society had been omitted by the Secretary. The Committee thought it was best to reproduce the early record in print, for the information it gave as to the source of the earliest and many of the most valuable contributions to the Library and Cabinet of the Society, and as to the time when such accessions were made. This may have been the only Accessions Book that was then kept. The earliest one we now find begins in January, 1830.

With the publication of volume two of the second series of the Collections, in 1814, the Society began to print an "Acknowledgment of Donations" at the end of the volume. The editors of that volume say: "The Historical Society have occasionally returned thanks to their patrons and friends, by their Corresponding Secretary, through the medium of the public papers. The Committee for publishing this volume have judged it expedient to commence a more permanent record of benefactions. If their successors concur in the plan, the volumes will in future exhibit the evidences of public attention, and of their gratitude for the favors they receive." The earliest acknowledgment, it is believed, was made in the "American Apollo," No. 19, of the 11th May, 1792, and this did not include contributions made by several members. A continuation of these notices may be found in later numbers in that year. A list of the newspapers in which acknowledgments were made, without professing to be complete, coming down as late as September, 1810, may be seen in the volume of the Collections referred to at pages 285, 286.

The practice of printing acknowledgments of donations in the Society's Collections, here begun, continued, with occasional omissions, till 1838, — the seventh volume of the third series being the last in which such publication appeared.

A large space has been given to the record of specimens of Natural History contributed to the Cabinet, which, from the first and for many years, formed one of the objects of the Society's attention. This pursuit was subsequently relinquished, and the specimens collected in this department of science were, as we shall presently see, transferred to other depositories exclusively devoted to the studies which they serve to illustrate. — EDS.

† On a fly-leaf in an early volume of the Society's records, in Dr. McKean's hand, is written, against the name of William Wetmore, "Declared that his membership has surceased, 29th August, 1815." — EDS.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Oct. 26. At the stated quarterly meeting, — the members present were, T. Alden, J. Davis, J. Freeman, A. Holmes, C. Lowell, J. Quincy, J. Savage, W. Tudor, R. Webster, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read by the Corresponding Secretary, who also took minutes of the transactions at this time, in the absence of the Recording Secretary.

A copy of Smith's "History of Virginia" having been recently presented by the widow of the late Deacon Francis Wright,

Voted, That this volume and all peculiarly rare books be deposited by the Librarian in a locked case or drawer.

Voted, To present a copy of Hubbard's History to Alleghany College; and also Vols. III., V., and VI. of the Collections, second series, to our associate, Rev. President Alden.*

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested to consider and report on Article II. of the laws regulating that body.

Donations at this meeting: —

The Lock of the Gun which killed King Philip. From Rev. Dr. Lathrop.
Smith's History of Virginia. Through James Savage, Esq. From Mrs. Wright, widow of Francis Wright.
Alden's Collections of Epitaphs. Five volumes, 18mo, elegant. From Rev. President Alden.

Communications: —

Rev. John Lathrop, D.D. Account of the Lock, &c. (above). Referred to Publishing Committee.†

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* At this time President of Alleghany College. — Eds.
† Published in 2 Collections, IV. 63. — Eds.

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Mr. John Farmer, Amherst, New Hampshire. Account of Ministers in New Hampshire. Referred to Publishing Committee.*

Dissolved.

Copied from the minutes of Rev. Dr. Holmes.

JOSEPH MCKEAN,
Recording Secretary.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1816.

Jan. 25, 1816. At the stated quarterly meeting, — the members present were, J. Allen, T. M. Harris, L. Hedge, A. Holmes, C. Lowell, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Savage, R. Webster, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop; came in, J. Freeman, J. Homer, J. Quincy, W. D. Peck, A. Bradford, J. Davis, and E. Eliot.

In the absence of the President, Hon. Judge WINTHROP in the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Several communications were made by the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries of letters received, &c., viz.: —

From Andrew R. Giddinge, Pejepscot, Oct. 24, 1815, with an ancient historical memorandum. Referred to Publishing Committee.

From Samuel H. Jenks, Boston, Jan. 6, 1816, with articles presented. Voted thanks.

From Charles Jackson, Boston, Jan. 8, 1816, accepting his election.

From Thomas Morgan, London, Oct. 31, 1815, acknowledging the Society's present of Vols. I. and II., second series.

From Thomas T. Hewson, Philadelphia, Oct. 18, 1815, acknowledging the Society's present of Vols. V. and VI. of the Collections.

George Chalmers, Esq., of London, was nominated by Rev. Dr. Holmes, and Hon. Charles Humphrey Ather-

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* Published in 2 Collections, IV. 78. — EDS.

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ton, of Amherst, New Hampshire, was nominated by Mr. McKean, as Corresponding Members. William Tudor, Jr., Esq., Hon. Joseph Story, and Rev. Joshua Huntington were nominated as Resident Members by the Standing Committee.

The following Article was added to the Laws, at the request of the Treasurer, as Article XII. of the first section. The Standing Committee were excused from the commission given them at the last meeting, respecting Article II. of the second section.

ARTICLE XII. — The Treasurer shall not pay any moneys, except in consequence of a vote of the Society, or on voucher of an officer or committee, under whose direction any expense is incurred, conformably to the Laws or Orders of the Society.

Donations: —

MS. Account of Proceedings of Commissioners for settling the River St. Croix. From Hon. Egbert Benson.

Ancient MS. containing copies of Proceedings of Commissioners, 1664, &c. From Alden Bradford, Esq.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1816.

April 25. At the stated quarterly meeting, Society's Room, Boston, — the members present were, J. Davis, J. Freeman, T. M. Harris, L. Hedge, J. Homer, C. Lowell, J. McKean, J. Pierce, R. Webster, J. Winthrop, T. L. Winthrop; came in, J. Bartlett, A. Bradford, A. Holmes, A. Dexter, and J. Savage.

In the absence of the President, Hon. Judge WINTHROP took the chair.

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The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Dr. WEBSTER and Rev. Mr. HOMER were appointed to collect the votes, who reported that the following were elected officers and members: —

HON. CHRISTOPHER GORE, LL.D.	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH McKEAN	RECORDING SECRETARY.
REV. ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
HON. JOSIAH QUINCY	TREASURER.
JAMES SAVAGE, ESQ.	LIBRARIAN.
REDFORD WEBSTER, ESQ.	CABINET-KEEPER.
HON. JAMES WINTHROP, ESQ. HON. JOHN DAVIS, ESQ. THOMAS L. WINTHROP, ESQ. REV. DR. FREEMAN REV. JOHN PIERCE	STANDING COMMITTEE.

GEORGE CHALMERS, Esq., of London, and CHARLES H. ATHERTON, Esq., of Amherst, were elected Corresponding Members. WILLIAM TUDOR, Jr., Esq., Hon. JOSEPH STORY, LL.D., and Rev. JOSHUA HUNTINGTON, were elected Resident Members.

Communications were made from —

Joseph Tilden, Esq., April 25, 1816, resigning his membership. Referred to next meeting.*

Peter S. Du Ponceau, Corresponding Secretary of Historical Committee of the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, March 1, 1816. Corresponding Secretary to reply.

Rev. Dr. Holmes, respecting Winthrop's Journal, Part III. Referred to Publishing Committee.†

Mr. John Farmer, Amherst, April 16, 1816, on his account of Billerica.‡

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* Mr. Tilden said that his present pursuits were incompatible with his membership, but it would give him great pleasure to have the key of the Society's room left at his house as heretofore. "If it should be thought inconvenient to me," he continued, "I shall be amply compensated by a permission to visit the Library." Mr. Tilden lived at 22 Franklin Place, near the Society's room over the Arch. — EDS.

† Dr. Holmes's communication, respecting the discovery in the Prince Library of the third part or volume of the manuscript history of Governor Winthrop, was published in 2 Collections, IV. 200–202. — EDS.

‡ In his letter Mr. Farmer says he has brought his sketch of Billerica so far

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JAMES SAVAGE, Esq., and Rev. CHARLES LOWELL were chosen to contract for and superintend the reprinting of Vol. V. of the Collections.

Leverett Saltonstall, Esq., of Salem, and Rev. Stephen Palmer, of Needham, were nominated by the Standing Committee as Resident Members; and Michael Joy,

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to a conclusion as to be able to send it to the Society for publication. He had spent several weeks there in reading the town and church records, and had submitted his manuscript to the perusal of the venerable Dr. Cumings, who had approved of it, and had made several suggestions to him respecting it. For some reason the Society did not print it, and the "History of Billerica" was published at Amherst, New Hampshire, in 1816, in 8vo, thirty-six pages. The manuscript is in the Society's possession.

Mr. Farmer was a distinguished antiquary, and made frequent contributions to the Society's Collections. The following letter was received from him about this time: —

"AMHERST, N. H., August 3, 1816.

"REV. SIR, — I have had it in contemplation to prepare for the Historical Society a communication respecting the seven Narraganset townships, which were granted by the General Court of Massachusetts in 1728 and 1732 to the posterity of those who served in the Narraganset expedition of 1675. The idea was suggested to me upon obtaining the propriety records of one of these towns, which were supposed to have been lost. These records contain many facts which respect these towns collectively, but they have more immediate reference to the township denominated Narraganset No. 3.

"As the grant of these towns was made at a time when pretences were encouraged and even sought after to induce persons to become grantees, it may be supposed that the number would be great. The records state the number of grantees to be eight hundred and forty, so that there were one hundred and twenty persons to every township. The names of the hundred and twenty to whom Narraganset No. 3 was assigned are given in these records. It appears that five of these townships were located in New Hampshire, one in the county of Worcester, Massachusetts, and the other in the county of York, District of Maine. One difficulty in executing my design is respecting the last township. I know not what name it now bears, and one object of this letter is to solicit information on this head. In those records I have obtained, it is said to be situated 'back of Saco and Scarborough.' I find in Mein and Fleeming's Register for 1768 a town called Narraganset No. 4, but this is probably merged in some other name. I would humbly request the favor of you, Sir, to point out any sources of information that may assist me in compiling a memoir of those towns. I have examined Dr. Belknap's 'History of New Hampshire' for information, and was a little surprised that nothing satisfactory respecting the Narraganset townships in this State could be found. I have, by solicitation, lately

Esq., of Stratham Park, England, as a Corresponding Member, by Rev. Jonathan Homer.*

Dissolved. JOSEPH McKEAN.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Aug. 27. At the stated quarterly meeting, Society's Room, Boston, — the members present were, E. Clap,

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obtained several ancient plans, which I conceive are worthy of preservation. The following are some of them: —

"A Plan of Mrs. Winthrop's Farm, of three thousand acres, to which is annexed a view of the Indian plantation at Wamesit.

"A Plan of Harvard College Farm.

"A Plan of the Church Farm (Cambridge Church), on Shawshin.

"A Plan of Billerica, 1658, — that part west of Concord River.

"A Plan of Colonel Tyng's Farm, of eight hundred and fifty acres, 1660.

"A Plan of Major Willard's Farm.

"A Plan of Charlestown School Farm.

"Several Plans of land on Nashua and Cochecho Rivers.

"A Plan of Quohquinapaskettsahna, 1660.

"These were drawn by Captain Jonathan Danforth, an eminent surveyor.

"I have often troubled you with letters, but having been prompted chiefly by a regard to the interests of your Society, I may hope to receive your candor and patience. I sent those manuscript letters a few weeks since, and hope they have been received. I purpose to send Ligon's 'History of Barbadoes' to the Society, if they have it not in their Library. It is a small folio volume, and contains plates. With respect, I am your obedient servant,

"JNO. FARMER.

"Rev. ABIEL HOLMES, D.D., Cambridge, Mass."

Mr. Farmer subsequently contributed an article on the Narraganset townships to the Society's Collections, printed in Vol. II., third series, pp. 273–279. Narraganset No. 1 is Buxton, in Maine, and No. 4 is Goffstown, in New Hampshire.

The ancient plans drawn by Surveyor Danforth would have considerable interest now, if they could be found. For the location of several of the lots, see Farmer's "History of Billerica," Appendix, Art. I. The long Indian name will be found in a description of a survey, signed by Danforth himself, in Mass. Coll. Rec., Vol. IV. part i. p. 443. — EDS.

* Rev. Peter Whitney, chosen a member in August, 1804, died Feb. 29, 1816. A memoir of him by the Rev. Thaddeus M. Harris is in 2 Collections, Vol. VII. pp. 177, 178. — EDS.

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T. M. Harris, J. Davis, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Popkin, J. Quincy, W. S. Shaw, R. Webster, T. L. Winthrop; came in, J. Prince, L. Hedge, A. Holmes, J. Savage, and C. Lowell.

Hon. Judge DAVIS took the chair, in the absence of the President.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read, and the following communications received: —

Letter from Rev. John Bartlett, Marblehead, with his historical discourse.*
Letter from Mr. John Farmer, Amherst, with historical documents.†
Letter from Hon. David Humphreys, Boston, respecting F.R.S.S.
Letter from Hon. Joseph Story, of Salem, accepting his election.
Letter from Rev. Thomas Hall, Leghorn, with several ancient MSS.
Letter from Thomas Morgan, London, acknowledging Vols. I. and II., second series.

Rev. Mr. PIERCE and Dr. POPKIN were appointed to collect and report the ballots, who reported that LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, Esq., and Rev. STEPHEN PALMER, of Needham, were elected Resident Members; and

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* Mr. Bartlett's letter, on file, is here printed: —

"MARBLEHEAD, August 20th, 1816.

"DEAR SIR, — Will you permit me to enclose to your care a Discourse on the History of the Second Church and Society in Marblehead, with a view to have it placed among similar documents in the Collections of the Historical Society? My wish is to preserve this discourse, if it be worthy of preservation, and I know of no better method (except publishing it, to which I am very averse) than to present it to the Historical Society, if they will condescend to accept it. There is but a partial statement of facts connected with the history of this Church and Society during the last forty years, on account of their relation to persons now living. I have, however, by me a minute history of this Church and Society, to the commencement of 1816, which at some future period may be offered to the Society as an accompaniment to the discourse.

"With sentiments of great respect, I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

"JOHN BARTLETT.

"WILLIAM S. SHAW, Esq." EDS.

† The historical documents which Mr. Farmer sent at this time were some old letters, — one each of the Rev. Samuel Whiting, 1682; Samuel Burr, 1715; Jonathan Belcher, 1718; and Henry Flynt, 1736. — EDS.

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Michael Joy, Esq., of Stratham Park, England, a Corresponding Member.

Dr. Webster and Mr. Savage were appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, who attended that service, and reported that they find them correct, and that, on 24th January, there was a balance in his hands of fourteen dollars and twenty-eight cents.

Rev. Robert Morrison, missionary at Canton, in China, was nominated as a Corresponding Member by J. McKean.

Mr. Savage stated that he had proceeded, in consequence of the conversation and wishes of the members at the last meeting, to transcribe the third volume of Winthrop's Journal, and that he had also collated the volume printed at Hartford in 1790 with the original MS.; and exhibited his copy, with numerous and important corrections.*

Voted, unanimously, to present the thanks of the Society to James Savage, Esq., for this great and valuable service.

Voted, That Hon. John Davis, Rev. Dr. Holmes, and J. Savage, be a committee to consider and report on the printing of an entire edition of Winthrop's Journal.†

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Oct. 31. At the stated quarterly meeting, Society's Room, Boston, at three o'clock, — the members pres-

* See Savage's Preface to Winthrop's History of New England. — Eds.

† Mr. John Williams, of Deerfield, who was chosen a member in October, 1798, died July 27, 1816. A memoir of him will be found in this volume at pp. 260–262. — Eds.

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ent were, A. Bradford, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Savage, J. Winthrop, T. L. Winthrop; came in, C. Lowell, R. Webster, W. S. Shaw, J. Bartlett, W. Tudor, and W. Tudor, Jr.

Hon. Judge WINTHROP took the chair, in the absence of the President.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

A letter was communicated from Rev. Joshua Huntington, declining accepting his election as a member.

A. BRADFORD, Esq., and R. WEBSTER, Esq., were appointed to collect and report the ballots, who reported that Rev. ROBERT MORRISON, of Canton, China, was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member.

Dr. HOLMES, from the Committee on Winthrop's Journal, reported verbally (the Chairman being absent) that they recommend the issuing of proposals for an edition of that Journal entire.

A motion was made by A. BRADFORD, Esq., and seconded by J. MCKEAN, that the report be amended by inserting "and that this work form two volumes of the Society's Collections"; to which some members objecting,

J. SAVAGE moved, and, being seconded, it was

Voted, That the whole subject be referred to the next meeting; seven to six.

Rev. Dr. HOLMES, Hon. Judge DAVIS, J. MCKEAN, and WILLIAM TUDOR, Jr., were chosen the Publishing Committee to prepare and print the next volume of Collections.

Dissolved. JOSEPH MCKEAN.

[The Society lost one Resident Member by death since the last annual meeting, — John Williams, Esq., of Deerfield, — of whom no notice has hitherto appeared. It is supplied herewith. — Eds.]

Notice of John Williams, Esq., A.M.

John Williams, the son of Major Elijah Williams, and grandson of the Rev. John Williams, the first minister of Deerfield, known as the "redeemed captive," was born in that town in 1751. He graduated at Harvard College in 1769, in the same class with Theophilus Parsons. His father, who had carried on a large business at Deerfield, which was the *dépôt* of military supplies for northern Hampshire, died in 1771, having previously made over the "store" to two of his children, who carried on the business under the firm of "John & Eunice Williams." The sister kept the books of the firm, and was the active manager of its affairs, while her brother was trying to establish himself as a lawyer in Salem. On her marriage, in 1773, the partnership was dissolved, previously to which the brother had returned to Deerfield. On the 8th of September, 1774, he brought to the old homestead, as his bride, Miss Elizabeth Orne, of Salem; and about this time he formed a copartnership with Mr. James Upham, and the business at the old place was continued under the firm of "Williams & Upham," until 1785.

Mr. Williams, or "Esquire Williams," as he was generally called in after years, engaged in many outside business enterprises. He was the leading spirit in an association called the "Mast Company," which sold at Hartford and Middletown masts run down the river from Vermont and New Hampshire. He manufactured oak staves for the West India market, to which place he also exported horses, and made occasional ventures of ginseng in the East India trade. He was interested in several mills, which sent large quantities of sawed

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lumber down the Connecticut River; also in making pot and pearl ashes for the general market, and at one time he was largely engaged in barrelling beef. He was one of the foremost men in planning and building the canals at South Hadley and Turner's Falls, and the bridges at Cheapside and Montague, as well as in laying out important highways.

Throughout his life Mr. Williams was active and useful in town affairs, holding many positions of honor and trust. He held intimate relations with the royal Governors of Massachusetts, and letters, now existing, from Governor Wentworth, of New Hampshire, show him to have been his trusted agent. Of course, he was a Tory. In 1781, he was arrested and put under bonds as being unfriendly to the independence of the United States. In May, 1783, he was chosen Representative to the General Court, but was not allowed to take his seat, on account of his political views. Another election was ordered to fill the vacancy for the second session, the Legislature then meeting twice a year; and, although the parties were almost equally balanced, personal considerations prevailed, and Mr. Williams was again returned, with but one vote against him. This election was held on the 31st of July. In September following, he was indicted by the court at Springfield for taking part with Great Britain in the war; and when he appeared to take his seat at the second session of the General Court, he was again rejected by a vote of 114 to 78. In April, 1784, he was arraigned for trial on the charge of sedition; but, pleading the sixth article of the Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, he was released. In May, 1785, he was once more chosen Representative. His case was referred to a committee of the General Court, who reported favorably. He was admitted, and was re-elected until 1788, becoming an influential member of that body.

In 1787, Mr. Williams was chosen Register of Deeds for the Northern Hampshire District. The office was at the old Corner Store, which, like his father, he had made the centre

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of all his business operations. He resigned the Registry in 1796. In 1792, he was chosen Presidential Elector. As a Justice of the Peace, "Esquire Williams" had an amount of business hard to realize in these quiet times, when litigation seems to be at its minimum as to quantity, although at its maximum as to expense. Being instrumental in breaking up a large combination of counterfeiters, who were flooding the land with base silver coin, he was presented with a valuable service of silver plate by the banks of Philadelphia. He was one of the most active in establishing Deerfield Academy, contributing generously of his means, and at his death he left the bulk of his estate as a fund for that institution. He died on the 27th of July, 1816, leaving no children. His second wife, Eunice Woodbridge, whom he married in December, 1802, survived him. He was elected a member of this Society on the 30th of October, 1798.*

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1817.

Jan. 30, 1817. At the stated quarterly meeting, Society's Room, Boston, at three o'clock, — the members present were, A. Bradford, E. Clap, J. Coolidge, E. Eliot, J. Freeman, C. Gannett, L. Hedge, A. Holmes, J. McKean, S. Palmer, J. Quincy, L. Saltonstall, R. Webster, J. Winthrop, T. L. Winthrop, J. Savage; came in, W. Peck, A. Dexter, and C. Lowell.

Hon. Judge WINTHROP took the chair, in the absence of the President.

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* The above notice of Mr. Williams is taken, almost *verbatim et literatim*, from an interesting sketch of the "old Parson Williams homestead and its occupants," at Deerfield, published in the Greenfield "Gazette and Courier," of Aug. 6, 1877, written by the Hon. George Shelden, of Deerfield. — EDS.

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The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

The subject of Winthrop's Journal was resumed, and the motion for its making a part of the Society's Collections was renewed, but was superseded by a motion for committing the report and motion, which latter prevailed; and to the former Committee were added two: viz., THOMAS L. WINTHROP, Esq,, and Hon. JAMES WINTHROP.

Communications were made by the Secretaries and Librarian respecting several donations.

A letter was read from Peter S. Du Ponceau, dated Oct. 28, 1816, as Secretary of the Historical Committee of the American Philosophical Society.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to make an agreement with Mr. John Eliot for his disposing of the Society's Collections heretofore printed, and also with him, or whoever may print the future volumes, for the disposal of them to members and others.

Hon. Samuel Bayard, of Princeton, New Jersey, was nominated a Corresponding Member by Joseph McKean.

Dissolved.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1817.

April 24. At the stated quarterly meeting, Society's Room, Boston, at four o'clock, — the members present were, A. Bradford, J. Davis, A. Dexter, J. McKean, J. Pierce, S. Palmer, J. Quincy, J. Savage, R. Webster, and T. L. Winthrop; came in, J. Bartlett, C. Lowell, J. Prince, and J. Freeman.

Hon. Judge DAVIS took the chair, in the absence of the President.

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A. Bradford, Esq., and J. Savage, Esq., were chosen to report ballots. On collecting and sorting them, it appeared that the following persons were elected: —

Hon. CHRISTOPHER GORE, LL.D.	President.
Rev. JOSEPH McKEAN	Recording Secretary.
Rev. ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	Corresponding Secretary
Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY	Treasurer.
JAMES SAVAGE, Esq.	Librarian.
REDFORD WEBSTER, Esq.	Cabinet-Keeper.
Hon. JAMES WINTHROP Hon. J. DAVIS T. L. WINTHROP, Esq. Rev. JAMES FREEMAN, D.D. Rev. JOHN PIERCE	Standing Committee.

Hon. Samuel Bayard was chosen a Corresponding Member.

A letter of resignation was read from Rev. Ebenezer Fitch, and it was

Voted, for special reasons, to remit what arrearages are due from him to the Society.

The Standing Committee reported that Ichabod Tucker, Esq., of Salem, is on nomination as a Resident Member.

Meeting dissolved. Joseph McKean.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Aug. 26, 1817, — the members present were, A. Bradford, E. Eliot, A. Holmes, C. Jackson, C. Lowell, S. Palmer, W. D. Peck, J. Pierce, J. S. Popkin, L. Saltonstall, J. Savage, R. Webster, and J. Winthrop.

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Judge WINTHROP in the chair.

A letter was communicated from the Rev. Dr. McKean, resigning the office of Recording Secretary on account of the feeble state of his health. Instead of accepting the resignation of Dr. McKean, it was

Voted, To choose a Recording Secretary *pro tempore*.

CHARLES LOWELL was chosen.*

The proceedings of the last meeting were then read.

Rev. Mr. PIERCE and ALDEN BRADFORD, Esq., were appointed to collect and report ballots, who reported that ICHABOD TUCKER, Esq., of Salem, was unanimously elected a Resident Member.

Major Hugh McCall, of Georgia, was nominated at the request of Dr. Freeman, and Baron Humboldt by Mr. Savage, as Corresponding Members.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a list of donations to the Library, to be acknowledged in the volumes.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the Rev. Mr. Hall, of Leghorn, for his valuable donation of books.

Voted, That a copy of the Collections be presented to the King's Library, in Paris, and a copy to the Institute of France, to be sent to Mr. Warden.

Meeting dissolved.

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* The records from this time to 1833 were kept by Dr. Lowell, who wrote a free and beautiful hand. — EDS

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Oct. 30, 1817, — the members present were, Bradford, Clap, Davis, Dexter, Freeman, Harris, Holmes, Homer, Pierce, Savage, Tudor, Tudor, Webster, Winthrop, and Winthrop.

Judge WINTHROP in the chair.

In the absence of Mr. Lowell, Dr. HOLMES, by request, acted as Recording Secretary *pro hac vice*. The transactions of the last meeting were read.

Francis C. Gray, Esq., of Boston, and Hon. John Pickering, of Salem, were nominated by the Standing Committee as Resident Members; Peter S. Du Ponceau, Esq., of Philadelphia, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Holmes.

Voted, That Judge Davis be requested to prepare a memoir on Ebenezer Hazard, Esq., for the Collections.*

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to prepare a memoir on Professor Ebeling for the Collections.†

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* Judge Davis appears not to have attended to the duty assigned to him. A brief notice of Mr. Hazard will be found in the preface to the Belknap and Hazard correspondence, in 5 Collections, II. x.–xii. His admirable letters to Dr. Belknap serve to illustrate his character and his interest in the pursuits to which each was devoted. His name stands at the head of the list of Corresponding Members. He died in Philadelphia, June 13, 1817. — EDS.

† Professor C. D. Ebeling, of Hamburg, was elected a Corresponding Member in 1794, and from that time to his death, in 1817, his benefactions to the Society were constant and generous. His correspondence with Dr. John Eliot, the Corresponding Secretary, on literary and historical subjects, was voluminous, and a large number of his letters are on file in the Society's Cabinet. His devotion to American bibliography is well known, — his large collection of books having been purchased in 1818 by Israel Thorndike, and presented to Harvard College. A brief notice of Professor Ebeling was printed in 2 Collections, VIII. 267, 268, while awaiting ampler materials for a more fitting memoir. — EDS.

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Ballots being brought in on nominations, it appeared that HUGH McCALL, Esq., and Baron HUMBOLDT were chosen Corresponding Members.

The Committee appointed to apply to the Trustees of the New England Library for the deposit of the historical books of said Library in the Society's room, made the following report: —

That having made a respectful application, in writing, for the deposit, they ascertained that the entire collection of books denominated "The New England Library" was given by the Rev. Thomas Prince to the Old South Church and Society in Boston; and that said Church and Society, on receiving the communication from the Committee, passed the following votes: —

"At a meeting of the Old South Church and Society, held at their meeting-house, on the first day of December, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fourteen, —

"*Voted*, That our beloved pastor, the Rev. Joshua Huntington, with such a committee as the Old South Church and Society may appoint, make a selection of such historical tracts, manuscripts, and treatises relating to the history of our country, from the New England Library, belonging to the Old South Church and Society, now under his care, as they may think proper and for the benefit of said Church and Society and the public; and the same, when so selected, to list, index, or number, on two separate lists, which said lists shall contain and be headed with this vote, and all the regulations respecting said subject passed at this meeting; and one of said lists he shall deposit in said New England Library, and the other of said lists, after the same has been signed by the said Historical Society, their officers, or agents, shall be by him delivered over to the Clerk of the Old South Church and Society, to be by said Clerk kept among the records of said Church and Society. And said tracts, manuscripts, and treatises, so as aforesaid by said Huntington selected, shall be by him delivered over to said Historical Society, to be by them carefully kept in their room in Boston, and under their care, for the use of the Old South

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Church and Society, said Historical Society, and the public, upon the terms and conditions following, viz.: —

"1st. Said tracts, manuscripts, and treatises shall always be kept by said Historical Society safely, in apartments by themselves, in their room in Boston, and a fair record of the disposition and situation of the same so kept by said Historical Society that the said Old South Church and Society may always know where and in what situation the same are, and may always have access to said record; and, over the place where the same tracts, manuscripts, and treatises are or shall be kept, the said Historical Society shall always keep inscribed, in fair, legible letters, the following inscription: 'The donation of the Rev. Mr. Prince to the Old South Church and Society.'

"2d. The pastor or pastors of the Old South Church and Society shall, at all times hereafter, have a right and liberty to inspect or use, or take away for inspection or use, any of said tracts, manuscripts, or treatises, leaving a receipt for the same with said Historical Society, to return the same after the purpose for which the same were taken away has been answered; and any member of the said Old South Church and Society shall have like right and liberty, under like conditions and for like purposes, producing to said Historical Society a written order therefor, signed by the pastor or pastors of the said Old South Church and Society.

"3d. The Old South Church and Society shall, at any time hereafter, have a right to receive and take back from said Historical Society said tracts, manuscripts, and treatises, whenever by their vote at any meeting of said Old South Church and Society they shall so vote and determine."

That the Committee accordingly proceeded, in consultation with the pastor of the Old South Church and Society, to designate such books in said Library as they judged to be most conducive to the design of the deposit, and found an entire readiness on the part of the pastor and the committee of the Church and Society to accord with them in the selection.

That they have selected two hundred and sixty-one bound volumes, on various historical subjects, many of which pertain to the early history of New England, besides numerous pamphlets, and a large number of manuscripts, principally origi-

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nal letters and documents, illustrative especially of the first seventy years after the settlement of this country, among which is the manuscript Journal of Governor Winthrop for the last years of his life, hitherto unpublished.

That the manuscripts, which collectively compose twelve volumes, they have arranged in chronological order, and taken care to have bound in such a form as was thought most favorable to their legibility and preservation.

And that they have put the whole number of bound books and manuscripts thus selected into ten boxes, and deposited them in the Society's room (with the stipulated inscription), each book having the letters "O. S." on the back, to denote the Old South Church, to which they belong, and the whole selection having over the top this inscription: "The Donation of the Rev. Mr. Prince to the Old South Church and Society."

A. Holmes.
A. Dexter.
A. Bradford.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the Old South Church and Society for their generosity in making this deposit, and for the facilities which their committee, especially their respected pastor, afforded in effecting this important object, with the assurance that the conditions of the deposit shall be faithfully observed.

Communications were made by the Secretary and Librarian respecting several donations, particularly a valuable one from the late Professor Ebeling, by the hand of Mr. Bentley.

A letter was communicated from Michael Joy, Esq., at London, declaring his acceptance of his election as a Corresponding Member, and his readiness to co-operate in promoting the objects of the Society.

It was stated by Mr. Homer, for information, that

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there are in the Library of the Antiquarian Society scarce books which give particular accounts of the Indians of Nonantum, from which fuller notices may be obtained for the Society's Collections.

The meeting was dissolved.*

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1818.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 29, 1818, — the members present were, Clap, Davis, Eliot, Freeman, Hedge, Holmes, Pierce, Popkin, Palmer, Saltonstall, Savage, Tudor, Jr., Winthrop, and Winthrop.

Judge WINTHROP in the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Ballots being brought in on nominations, it appeared that FRANCIS C. GRAY, Esq., Hon. JOHN PICKERING, and Mr. NATHANIEL G. SNELLING were chosen Resident Members, and PETER S. DU PONCEAU, Esq., of Philadelphia, a Corresponding Member, of the Society.

Mr. CLAP, a member, presented Blake's "Annals of Dorchester," which he had copied from the original manuscript for the Society.†

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Clap for his very meritorious services.

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* Charles Bulfinch, Esq., elected a Resident Member in October, 1801, is said to have removed to Washington in December, 1817; yet his name is on a list of Resident Members published in 3 Collections, I. 287, in 1825. — EDS.

† This historical narrative was published by the Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society, in 1846, as No. II. of their Collections. — EDS.

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The Librarian gave notice that Mrs. Scott had deposited in the Library eight volumes in manuscript of "Minutes of the Doings in Congress and several of the Provinces, from Sept. 5, 1774, to Oct. 26, 1774." *

Voted, Thanks to Mrs. Scott for the confidence she has manifested in the Society by making this deposit, and that the Librarian be

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* The donor was Mrs. Dorothy (Quincy) Scott, formerly the wife of John Hancock, to whom these volumes once belonged. There are but seven volumes, and the description given in the record applies only to the contents of the first volume, which is a thin book, and less than sixty pages written in it. At the time the books were given, there was written on the inside the cover the date they were received, Nov. 13, 1817, and a description of each volume, as follows: —

"No. 1. Minutes of the Doings in Congress and in several of the Provinces, from Sept. 5, 1774, to Oct. 26, 1774."

These dates cover the period of the session of the American Congress in 1774, and the minutes seem to be the record of the Congress, without including the more voluminous papers. The last page is mostly in the handwriting of Charles Thomson, the Secretary, and bears his signature. The name of Thomas Cushing is written on the fly-leaf. He was one of the delegates to the Congress from Massachusetts, and the manuscript may be a transcript of the original records, procured by him to be shown to the patriots in Massachusetts on his return. The minutes of the Congress of 1774 were printed in that year, at Philadelphia, entitled, "Journal of the Proceedings of the Congress held at Philadelphia, Sept. 5, 1774."

"No. 2. General Washington's Appointment and Instructions; Letters; Doings of Congress; from 17th June, 1775, to 16th March, 1776.

"No. 3. Public Letters to and from sundry Persons, from 28th June, 1775, to 7th February, 1776.

"No. 4. Letters from John Hancock, President of Congress, from 15th September, 1775, to 22d July, 1776.

"No. 5. Letters from General Washington and others, from 22d April to 30th June, 1776.

"No. 6. Letters from John Hancock, President of Congress, from 24th July, 1776, to 27th October, 1777.

"No. 7. Letters from John Hancock, Esq., Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, from 7th November, 1780, to 13th March, 1782."

It will be seen that Nos. 4, 6, and 7 are the Letter-books of John Hancock; and Nos. 2, 3, and 5 are letters and minutes which he caused to be transcribed for him from the originals. Our associate, the Hon. Richard Frothingham, called the attention of the Society to these volumes, in December, 1875, and remarked that an examination of the volumes had led him to believe that the letters had all been printed. — Eds.

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directed to place them by themselves in the Library, with a distinguishing mark.

Communications were made by the Corresponding Secretary, and by several of the members, of donations made to the Library and Cabinet.

William Trumbull Williams, Esq., of Connecticut, was nominated by Judge Davis as a Corresponding Member.

Meeting dissolved.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1818.

At the stated quarterly meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 30, 1818, — the members present were, Bradford, Clap, Davis, Eliot, Hedge, Holmes, Kirkland, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Savage, Tudor, Sen., Webster, Winthrop, and Winthrop.

Judge WINTHROP in the chair.

WILLIAM TRUMBULL WILLIAMS, Esq., was chosen a Corresponding Member.

A letter was read from the Hon. Mr. Gore, communicating his intention of retiring from the office of President of the Society. Whereupon,

Voted, That the Massachusetts Historical Society have received with great regret the letter of the Hon. Christopher Gore, communicating his resignation of the office of President of this Society, and that the Hon. John Davis be requested to communicate to the Hon. Mr. Gore the high sense entertained by this Society of the services rendered by him to this institution in that capacity, and their best wishes for the restoration of his health and a long continuance of his distinguished usefulness.

The Society proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year.

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ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1818.

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Hon. JOHN DAVIS	was chosen	President.
CHARLES LOWELL	"	Recording Secretary.
ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	"	Corresponding Secretary.
Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY	"	Treasurer.
Mr. NATHANIEL G. SNELLING	"	Librarian.
REDFORD WEBSTER, Esq. . .	"	Cabinet-Keeper.

Judge WINTHROP
Rev. Dr. FREEMAN
T. L. WINTHROP, Esq. } . . . were chosen Standing Committee.
Rev. JOHN PIERCE
JAMES SAVAGE, Esq.

Dr. Holmes, Alden Bradford, Esq., Mr. Savage, and Mr. Clap were chosen a committee to prepare and publish the next volume of the Collections.

Redford Webster, Esq., and T. L. Winthrop, Esq., a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

Voted, That Professor Hedge be requested to prepare a memoir on the late Professor McKean for the Collections.*

Voted, That Dr. Holmes be requested to prepare a memoir on the late Caleb Gannett, Esq.†

Voted, To present the seventh and eighth volumes of the second series of the Collections to the widow of Dr. McKean.

Hon. Nahum Mitchell was nominated by the Committee a Resident Member.

Dr. Holmes having informed the Society that they were in possession of a catalogue of the New England Library;

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to insert by themselves, in that catalogue, the books lately procured from the Library for the Society.

Meeting dissolved.

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* Professor McKean died on the 17th March, 1818. Professor Hedge's sketch of his life and character is in 2 Collections, VIII. 157-167. — Eds.

† Rev. Caleb Gannett died on the 25th April, 1818. Dr. Holmes's memoir of him is in 2 Collections, VIII. 277-285. — Eds.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a stated meeting of the Historical Society, Aug. 25, 1818, — the members present were, Bartlett, G. Bradford, Davis, Eliot, Gray, Harris, Holmes, Lowell, Popkin, Quincy, Savage, Snelling, Tucker, Tudor, Sen., Webster, and J. Winthrop.

Several communications, historical and topographical, were made by the Corresponding Secretary, and were referred to the Publishing Committee.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report: —

April 29, 1818.

The subscribers, a Committee appointed by the Historical Society to examine the accounts of Josiah Quincy, their Treasurer, having examined them, find them right cast and well vouched, and that there is remaining in the hands of their said Treasurer the sum of forty-one dollars and three cents.

(Signed) Redford Webster.
T. L. Winthrop.

A manuscript volume of Thomas Danforth, formerly Deputy-Governor of Massachusetts, which had been transcribed by James C. Merrill, Esq., was communicated by Mr. Savage, and was referred to the Publishing Committee.*

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to James Cushing Merrill, Esq., for his attention and diligence in copying the manuscript for the Society.

* The hitherto unpublished parts of this volume were printed in 2 Collections, VIII. 47–112. — Eds.

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Votes having been brought in for a Resident Member in nomination, it appeared that Hon. NAHUM MITCHELL was unanimously chosen a Resident Member of the Society. Dr. HARRIS and Dr. POPKIN were the Scrutinizing Committee.

Voted, That the President of the Society be requested to present a copy of the Collections to the Law Library, for the use of the students at law in Harvard University.

The Standing Committee were requested to prepare a list of the individuals and institutions to whom it would be expedient to transmit the Collections, and report to the Society.

Application having been made by Hews & Goss, printers, for the loan of three or four volumes of newspapers, for the purpose of republishing certain articles contained in them;

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to loan the said volumes, one at a time, taking a receipt for the same, and not delivering another volume till the one already lent is returned uninjured.

The President, Mr. QUINCY, and Mr. SAVAGE were appointed a committee to investigate the title this Society has, in connection with the Boston Library Society, in the land under the Society's room, and report in writing at an adjourned meeting.

Mr. SAVAGE and the Librarian were appointed a committee to dispose by sale of twelve sets of the Historical Collections, having reference in the sale as well to the extended diffusion of the copies as to the interest of the Society.

Meeting adjourned to Thursday, the 10th of September, at twelve o'clock.

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ADJOURNED MEETING.

At an adjourned meeting of the Historical Society, Sept. 10, 1818, — Mr. Savage acted as Secretary during a part of the meeting.

A report put in writing was made, on the interest which the Society has in its tenement, concluding that we have no right to the soil other than a passage way over it. The business was referred back to the same Committee, with instructions to endeavor to procure the fee of the land.

Voted, That a committee be authorized and directed to confer with the proprietors of the Boston Library, and the occupants of houses contiguous to the building, and to make such repairs as may be thought necessary, a due proportion of the expense being sustained by all interested in such repairs.

The first part of this vote, relating to the conference, was referred to the Committee for obtaining the fee of the land; the last part, to Dr. Webster.

Dr. Dexter and Mr. Gray were appointed a committee to raise subscriptions to aid in repairing the roof.

Voted, That a set of the Collections be presented to the Transylvania University, Lexington, Kentucky.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Oct. 29, 1818, — Dr. Harris was Secretary of the meeting, in the absence of the Recording Secretary.

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The Committee on repairs reported verbally the progress of the object of their appointment towards its accomplishment; that the Trustees of the Boston Library Society expressed a willingness to pay half of the expenses; and that a subscription paper was in circulation to collect assistance in behalf of this Society.

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to have the pamphlets now sorted and in bundles bound.

Voted, That the President be desired, in the name of the Society, to make application to Elisha Hutchinson, Esq., of Birmingham, and other descendants and representatives of the late Thomas Hutchinson, Esq., formerly Governor of Massachusetts Bay, to obtain the continuation or unpublished part of his History; and to express the sense of the Society on the great value of that work, and the desire of the community on this side of the Atlantic to enjoy the complete labors of that distinguished antiquary.

Benjamin R. Nichols, Esq., was nominated a Resident Member.

Meeting dissolved.*

QUARTERLY MEETING, January, 1819.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Jan. 28, 1819, — the members present were, Allen, A. Bradford, Clap, Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Freeman, Gray, Hedge, Holmes, Lowell, Palmer, Pierce, Popkin, Quincy, Savage, Shaw,

* In a list of members of the Society, prefixed to Vol. I., fourth series, of the Collections, 1852, John Langdon Sullivan, A.M., M.D., elected a member in 1801, is put down as having removed from the State in 1818. In a list published in 1825, his name is inserted as a member, but it is omitted from subsequent lists. Mr. Sullivan was a son of Governor James Sullivan, and lived for many years in New York, where he practised as a physician. He subsequently returned to Boston, where he died Feb. 10, 1865, aged eighty-eight years. See notice of him in Drake's American Biography. — Eds.

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Snelling, Spooner, Tucker, Tudor, Jr., J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

Several communications, historical and topographical, were made by the Corresponding Secretary, and were referred to the Publishing Committee.

BENJAMIN R. NICHOLS, Esq., of Salem, was elected a Resident Member.

Dr. DEXTER, from the Committee for that purpose, reported that they were unsuccessful in their endeavors to obtain subscriptions to aid in defraying the expense of repairing the roof.

Voted, The thanks of the Society to Mr. Warden for his attention to its interests.*

Jonathan Goodhue, Esq., of New York, was nominated as a Corresponding Member by Mr. Tucker, and Robert Southey, Esq., of London, by Mr. Savage.

Meeting dissolved.

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* The Society, nearly two years previously (see p. 265), had sent a set of the Collections, in sixteen volumes, to the King's Library, in Paris, and to the Institute of France, directed to the care of Mr. Warden by a letter to him dated Sept. 30, 1817. Mr. Warden attended to the duty with which he was charged, and acknowledgments are on file received from M. Delambre, Perpetual Secretary of the Institute, under date of Jan. 19, 1818; and also from M. Barbier, Librarian of the King's Library (his private library), dated March 18, 1818, conveying the thanks of His Majesty for the gift, with a list of books presented to the Society by the King in return. The receipt of the books Dr. Holmes acknowledged in a letter to M. Barbier, dated July 28, 1818, saying that the gift of the King would be laid before the Society at the next meeting, and an acknowledgment made in the volume of Collections then in the press. (See 2 Collections, VIII. 329.) This letter was enclosed in one to Mr. Warden. The Society's records are silent as to the letters above referred to, or as to the gifts received. The vote of thanks to Mr. Warden above recorded was probably in acknowledgment of his attention to the communications entrusted to him.

Mr. David Baillie Warden was Consul-General of the United States of America at Paris. He was the author of a number of publications, of which Allibone gives a full list. He collected a library of nearly twelve hundred books (of which he made a catalogue), which was purchased by Mr. Samuel A. Eliot, in 1823, and presented to Harvard College. — EDS.

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ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1819.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, April 29, 1819, — the members present were, Bartlett, A. Bradford, Clap, Davis, Eliot, Freeman, Gray, Hedge, Holmes, Harris, Lowell, Palmer, Quincy, Savage, Snelling, Tudor, Jr., Webster, Winthrop, and Winthrop.

Hon. JOHN DAVIS	was chosen	President.
CHARLES LOWELL	"	Recording Secretary.
ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	"	Corresponding Secretary.
Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY	"	Treasurer.
Mr. NATHANIEL G. SNELLING	"	Librarian.
REDFORD WEBSTER, Esq. . .	"	Cabinet-Keeper.

Hon. JAMES WINTHROP
JAMES FREEMAN, D.D.
THOS. L. WINTHROP, Esq. } . were chosen Standing Committee.
Rev. JOHN PIERCE
JAMES SAVAGE, Esq.

Voted, That the President be requested to express to Peter S. Du Ponceau, Esq., the thanks of the Society for a valuable manuscript, containing that portion of Mourt's Journal not before in the possession of the Society, which he has procured to be copied, and has presented to the Society.

Voted, That Mourt and Winslow's Journals, and the Relation published by the President and Council of New England, and referred to by Winslow, be published in the Collections, and that Dr. Freeman be requested to superintend the publication *

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* Those parts of Mourt's "Relation or Journal," and of Winslow's "Good Newes," which were published in a fragmentary manner by Purchas in Vol. IV. of his "Pilgrims," had been reprinted from the latter work in Vol. VIII. of the Collections, in 1802. No copies of the original tracts were then known to be accessible to the Committee. Subsequently, Judge Davis, while on a visit to Philadelphia, learned of the existence there of a copy of Mourt, in the City Library. He called Mr. Du Ponceau's attention to it, and that gentleman procured a copy to be made of what was wanting to supply the deficiency in the Society's reprint.

So in regard to Winslow's "Good Newes." The "copious treasures of the Ebeling collection," then recently added to the Library at Cambridge, contained

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Voted, That Mr. Quincy be requested to make application to the Legislature, in behalf of the Society, for one of the surplus copies of Wait's Collection of State Papers.

JONATHAN GOODHUE, Esq., of New York, and ROBERT SOUTHEY, Esq., of London, were elected Corresponding Members.*

Meeting dissolved.

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the original tract, and the part wanting was supplied in the same manner. These additional fragments of Mourt and of Winslow were accordingly printed in Vol. IX. of the second series of the Collections, in 1822. It will be seen, further on, that the Publishing Committee were authorized to republish these tracts entire, if they should think proper. The first entire reprint of these valuable narratives relating to the Old Colony was by Dr. Young, in his "Chronicles of Plymouth," in 1841. It may be added that the copy of the "Briefe Relation" of the President and Council of New England, which was used in reprinting that work, as directed in the above vote, was probably supplied from the Ebeling collection. — EDS.

* Dr. Lowell, the Recording Secretary, sent to Mr. Southey his certificate of election, accompanied by the following letter (the transcript on file being without date or signature), to which Mr. Southey's reply is subjoined. A delay of two years in notifying Mr. Southey of his election must have been occasioned by inadvertence.

[MAY 9, 1821.]

"SIR, — I have the honor of enclosing you a communication from the Historical Society of Massachusetts, with a certificate of your election as a Corresponding Member of that Society. We hope that it will not prove unacceptable to you, but that we shall derive from it the honor of your name and the benefit of your correspondence. Our Society is one of the oldest literary associations of the country. It has been the most industrious, and we trust not the least useful. It has published eighteen volumes of its Collections, has a valuable historical library, and numbers among its members some of the most distinguished men of our Republic. It remembers, however, that the republic of letters has no territorial limits, that it includes within its boundaries the wise and good of every country and every clime. It has sought and received the co-operation of the learned in the Old World. In electing members in Great Britain, it desires to strengthen the bonds which connect the two countries, and devoutly hopes that in future there will be no other strife between us than which shall do most for the advancement of human knowledge and human virtue.

"Your works are read by us with great interest, and we rejoice to hear that we are soon to be favored with a work whose scene is laid in the midst of us. We are in the immediate vicinity of Philip's empire. A part of our State was subjected to his dominion, and more than one portion of it was the theatre of his achievements. You have hinted an intention of visiting America. Will

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Aug. 24, 1819, — the members present were, A. Bradford, J. Davis, Dexter, Gray, Holmes, Lowell, Pierce, Shaw, Spooner, Webster, J. Winthrop, and T. L. Winthrop.

A memorial from the inhabitants living in Franklin Place and Arch Street relative to closing the passage under the Society's room was communicated.

Voted, That Mr. Gray, Mr. Snelling, and Mr. T. L. Winthrop be a committee to act with a committee of the Boston Library Society in

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you not come to Boston, allow us to introduce you to our old books and new men, and manners and institutions? We will carry you to Philip's capital, not many miles off, and do every thing we can to make you anxious, like your own Madoc, on returning home, to visit again, and excite your intelligent, candid countrymen to visit the land 'where plenty dwells, and liberty and peace.'"

[CHARLES LOWELL.]

"KESWICK, Aug. 3, 1821.

"SIR, — I have received your obliging letter of May 9, 1821, enclosing a communication from the Massachusetts Historical Society. The honor which they have done me by electing me a member of their Society is one of which I am duly sensible, for I am no stranger to their labors. Seventeen volumes of their Collections are on my shelves, and it will not, I trust, be very long before proof will be given of how diligently I have perused them.

"There is no likelihood that I should ever cross the Atlantic, but it is very gratifying to me to be thus intellectually adopted in New England.

"I will request you, if you are acquainted with them, as probably you are, to present my remembrances to Mr. Everett, Mr. Cogswell, and Mr. Ticknor. Mr. Greenwood was here about three months ago, in ill health, which I thought his lowering regimen was much more likely to worsen than to improve. He promised me that when he reached Edinburgh he would take the best advice upon that point. To me it seemed that he was suffering more from debility than disease, and that there was reason to hope for the best effects from a change of treatment. It gives me great pleasure to welcome a traveller from your part of the world, and from no part of the world have I seen travellers who have done so much credit to their country.

"I remain, Sir, with great respect, yours obediently,

"ROBERT SOUTHEY.

"The Rev. CHARLES LOWELL,
Boston, New England."

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closing the passage-way under the Arch, if it is ascertained that they have the right to do so.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to procure a safe and convenient place of deposit for the volumes of the Collections now on hand, if it can be done without expense to the Society.

Voted, That the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper be authorized to dispose, at their discretion, of any perishable articles in the possession of the Society, preserving an accurate list of them and of the donors, so far as they have been or can be known.*

Several communications of letters and donations were made by the Corresponding Secretary.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to General Boyd for the valuable donation of Almon's "Remembrancer." †

Voted, That one set of the "Remembrancer" in the possession of the Society be deposited in the Boston Athenæum during the pleasure of the Society, a label being attached to each volume designating it as the property of the Society, and a receipt taken of the Librarian of the Athenæum.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to prepare a form of acknowledgment of donations to the Society, and cause it to be printed.

Voted, That the name of the donor of each book, when it is known, be added to the label which designates it as the property of the Society.

Voted, That the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper be requested to accept any donations or subscriptions for painting the outside of this building, and attend to the execution of the work.‡

Meeting dissolved.

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* These relate, of course, to certain articles in the department of Natural History, such as botanical specimens or the like. — Eds.

† John P. Boyd, Brigadier-General of the army of the United States, was travelling in England at this time. In a letter, dated London, Feb. 14, 1819, he writes that he picked up this set of the "Remembrancer" in Exeter, England, in fine preservation. He doubted if another set existed in the United States. — Eds.

‡ Hon. William Tudor, one of the founders of the Society, died July 8, 1819. A memoir of him by William Tudor, Jr., is in 2 Collections, VIII. 285–325. — Eds.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Oct. 28, 1819, — the members present were, A. Bradford, E. Clap, Davis, Dexter, Eliot, Freeman, Gray, Hedge, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Shaw, Snelling, Tudor, Winthrop, and Winthrop.

Voted, That the Indian map of the Old Colony, communicated in manuscript by Dr. Freeman, be engraved at the expense of the Society.*

Voted, That the letters found among the papers of Governor Hutchinson, and communicated by Mr. Bradford, be referred to the Publishing Committee.

Dr. Freeman, Mr. John Pickering, Mr. Tudor, and Mr. Gray were chosen a committee to publish the next volume of the Collections.

The vote relative to Mourt and Winslow's Journal, &c., was so far reconsidered as to leave it to the discretion of the Publishing Committee to publish the whole or a part, as they may think proper.

The Committee on the subject of closing the passage under the Arch, made the following report, which was accepted: —

The Committee of the Historical Society to act with a Committee of the Boston Library Society in closing the passage under the Arch, if it is ascertained that they have a right to do so, having conferred with the gentlemen appointed by the Library Society for this purpose, are of opinion that

* We do not remember to have seen elsewhere any reference to this Indian map of the Old Colony. The Society's catalogue of maps does not name it. — Eds.

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these Societies alone have not the right to close that passage. With the view, however, of promoting this desirable object, they recommend to the Society the following vote: —

Voted, That the Historical Society recommend to the proprietors of real estate in Franklin Place to cause the passage under the Arch to be rendered impassable for carriages, and authorize them, so far as it may legally do, to take any measures which they shall deem expedient for this purpose, not occasioning any expense to the Society.

The Cabinet-Keeper and Librarian were appointed a committee to make such alterations in the entrance to the Society's room as may avoid the present nuisance.

Mr. QUINCY reported that he had made application for a surplus copy of Wait's Collection of State Papers, and that there were no more copies on hand than were wanted for the use of the Legislature.

William Winthrop, Esq., Nathan Hale, Esq., and Rev. Samuel Ripley were nominated as Resident Members by the Standing Committee, and Gulian C. Verplanck, Esq., of New York, as a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Shaw.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1820.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Jan. 27, 1820, — the members present were, Bartlett, Bradford, Dexter, Davis, Freeman, Holmes, Lowell, Nichols, Pickering, Pierce, Quincy, Saltonstall, Savage, Shaw, Tudor, Winthrop, and Winthrop.

The Committee on the subject of the alteration of the entrance to the Society's room, reported that it was inexpedient to do any thing till the spring.

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Mr. WEBSTER and Mr. GAMALIEL BRADFORD were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

WILLIAM WINTHROP, Esq., NATHAN HALE, and Rev. SAMUEL RIPLEY, were chosen Resident Members, and GULIAN C. VERPLANCK, Esq., of New York, a Corresponding Member, of the Society.

The additional letters found by Mr. Secretary Bradford among the papers of Governor Hutchinson, and presented to the Society by the permission of the Governor and Council, were referred to the Publishing Committee;* as were a letter from Mr. Farmer relating to the churches in New Hampshire, a biographical memoir of Miles Standish by Mr. Bradford, and a MS. letter of Dr. Watts.†

Voted, That the subject of the publication of Winthrop's Journal and the Indian Dictionary be referred to the Publishing Committee.‡

Voted, That the Publishing Committee be requested to procure a memoir of the late Dr. Bentley, a member of this Society.

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* The following letter (filed as "27 Jan., 1820") came with the papers referred to in the text: —

"JANUARY 27th.

"DEAR SIR, — I send some very old letters and papers, selected from the files, left by Governor Hutchinson, with a list of them.

"Some of them have been printed in Hazard, and some in Hutchinson; but many of them were never printed, and are valuable.

"I have obtained leave of the Council to present them to the Historical Society. They are no part of the files of the Secretary's office.

"Yours, A. BRADFORD.

"Rev. Dr. HOLMES,
Corresponding Secretary of Historical Society." EDS.

† The several articles here referred to were printed in 2 Collections, Vol. X. The publication of the Hutchinson Papers was continued in 3 Collections, Vol. I. — EDS.

‡ The "Indian Dictionary" was probably the "Vocabulary of the Massachusetts (or Natick) Indian Language. By Josiah Cotton." Published in 3 Collections, II. 147–243; edited by John Pickering. — EDS.

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On application of Z. G. Whitman, Esq., for the loan of certain books from the Library,

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to loan the books, not more than two or three at a time, under the usual restrictions, taking a receipt for the same, and charging them to himself.

Mr. SAVAGE was appointed, in conjunction with the President, a committee to procure the Hutchinson papers from Elisha Hutchinson, Esq., of Great Britain.*

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested to examine the laws relating to the Library, and report what alterations, if any, it is expedient to make in them.

Voted, That the Librarian, under the direction of the Standing Committee, be authorized to procure the binding of such volumes as have been selected for this purpose by a committee.

Alden Bradford, Esq., communicated his resignation

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* The Society passed a vote more than a year ago (see p. 277), desiring the President to make application to Elisha Hutchinson, Esq., of Birmingham, and other descendants and representatives of the family of Governor Hutchinson, to obtain the continuation of the Governor's "History of Massachusetts Bay," which, it was understood, he had left in manuscript at his decease. Mr. Savage was now joined with the President, and letters were written, agreeably to the above vote. Elisha Hutchinson was one of two sons of Governor Hutchinson, — Thomas, the elder, having died at Heavitree, near Exeter, in 1811, at the age of seventy-one.

The application was at first unsuccessful, and the correspondence, which had been considerable, and with different members of the Hutchinson family, was suspended in 1823. Elisha Hutchinson died at Blurton Parsonage, Trenton, Staffordshire, in 1824, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. In 1826, the correspondence was revived by Mr. Savage, and terms of publication were finally agreed upon, and the work was published in 1828 by John Murray, in London, edited by the Rev. John Hutchinson, M.A., of Blurton Parsonage, a son of Elisha. Five hundred copies were printed for the American market, with a title-page as Vol. III. of "Hutchinson's History of the Province of Massachusetts Bay"; and the same number, designed for the London trade, was published as an independent work, with a full and interesting preface, wanting in the other copies. For a more full account of this chapter in bibliography, see the preface to the volume referred to, and the Proceedings of the Society for February, 1857, pp. 144–146. There will be found in the records, as we proceed, frequent references to the subject of the Hutchinson manuscript. — EDS.

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of his place in the Society. On accepting his resignation, it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Bradford for his useful services as a member, and that he still be allowed the use of the Library on the same terms with the Resident Members.*

The President, Dr. HOLMES, Dr. FREEMAN, Mr. GRAY, and Mr. T. L. WINTHROP were appointed a committee to consider what measures, if any, shall be adopted by this Society in regard to the commemoration, on the 22d December next, of the landing of the Forefathers at Plymouth, and report at the next meeting.

Professor Edward Everett and James C. Merrill, Esq., were nominated Resident Members by the Committee, and Elisha Hutchinson, Esq., a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Freeman.†

Meeting dissolved.

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* On communicating his resignation to the Society, Mr. Bradford concluded his letter, dated Jan. 25, 1820, as follows: —

"I send some more old papers selected from Hutchinson's files, some of which have not been published, and most of which are of an early date, and valuable for the purposes of the Society. Any thing that I may collect in future, worthy of being preserved, I shall cheerfully transmit."

† The Hon. Caleb Strong, chosen a member in July, 1800, died Nov. 7, 1819. A memoir by Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge will be found in this volume on pp. 290–316.

Eben. Parsons, chosen a member in January, 1797, died Nov. 27, 1819. A memoir of him by the Rev. S. K. Lothrop will be found on pp. 317–320 of this volume.

The Rev. William Bentley, chosen a member in March, 1796, died Dec. 29, 1819. A memoir of him by Mr. C. C. Smith will be found on pp. 320–323 of this volume. — EDS.

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ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1820.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, April 27, 1820, —

HON. JOHN DAVIS	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
CHARLES LOWELL	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES SAVAGE, ESQ.	"	TREASURER.
MR. NATHANIEL G. SNELLING	"	LIBRARIAN.
REDFORD WEBSTER, ESQ. . .	"	CABINET-KEEPER.
HON. JAMES WINTHROP JAMES FREEMAN, D.D. THOMAS L. WINTHROP, ESQ. REV. JOHN PIERCE WILLIAM TUDOR, ESQ.	were chosen	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the Hon. Mr. Quincy, who has resigned the office of Treasurer, for his long and faithful service in that office.

Professor EDWARD EVERETT and JAMES C. MERRILL, Esq., were elected Resident Members, and ELISHA HUTCHINSON, Esq., of Great Britain, a Corresponding Member, of the Society.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider and report what measures, if any, shall be adopted by the Society in regard to the centenary celebration, on the 22d of December next, of the landing of the Fathers at Plymouth, reported: —

That having considered the subject referred to them, they have thought it advisable to recommend to the Society to appoint a committee of their body to attend the proposed celebration at Plymouth as their representatives on that interesting occasion; that the chairman of that committee

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be requested to express, on that day, to the Pilgrim Society, who are expected to take the lead in the celebration, the congratulations of the Society, and the cordial interest which is ever felt and cherished by all its members in every proceeding intended to honor the memory of our venerable ancestors; that it be recommended to the members of the Society to attend at Plymouth on that occasion; and that a copy of the resolutions which may be adopted by the Society in relation to this subject be communicated by the Corresponding Secretary to the President of the Pilgrim Society.

The report was accepted, and Judge DAVIS, Dr. HOLMES, Mr. LOWELL, Mr. PIERCE, and Mr. GRAY were appointed a committee for the purpose therein stated.

The additional Hutchinson papers presented by Mr. Secretary Bradford were referred to the Publishing Committee.

Robert Walsh, Esq., of Philadelphia, and John Van Ness Yates, Esq., of New York, were nominated by Mr. Shaw as Corresponding Members of the Society.*

Meeting dissolved.

[Five Resident Members died during the past year: viz., William Tudor, Caleb Strong, Eben. Parsons, William Bentley, and Josiah Bartlett. The memoir of Mr. Tudor only has appeared in the Collections. Memoirs or notices of the others here follow. — EDS.]

* Dr. Josiah Bartlett, of Charlestown, who was chosen a member in April, 1798, died March 3, 1820. A memoir of him by the Hon. Richard Frothingham will be found in this volume on pp. 323–330. — EDS.

Memoir of Hon. Caleb Strong, LL.D.

The great emigration of Puritan Englishmen began in 1630, when Charles I. resolved to govern without a Parliament, and when certain of his subjects determined to carry to the New World the political liberty and the religious faith which were in peril in the Old. Among the emigrants from England, in 1630, was John Strong, of Somersetshire, a typical representative of that vigorous middle class in which Puritanism found its strength. John Strong was only twenty-five years old when he left England, taking with him his young wife and their infant child. He had scarcely reached America, when death deprived him of both wife and child, and he found himself alone. Such a bereavement must have been a severe trial at the very beginning of a new career, but the sturdy young Puritan faced his troubles manfully. Before 1630 had expired, he consoled himself by a second marriage, taking to wife Abigail Ford, of Dorchester, where he first settled. A few years later, he removed to Windsor, Connecticut, and thence, in 1659, to Northampton, in Massachusetts. The first task of the founders of this new community was to gather a church, and choose John Strong to be its ruling elder. This was a highly responsible position in the early days and in the little country villages of New England, and its possessor was generally the leading man of the town, second only to the minister in dignity and importance. Respected and respectable John Strong ruled over the Northampton Church for forty years; established a tannery; was honest, frugal, and industrious; and brought up to man's and woman's estate a numerous family. Here, in 1699, as the famous seventeenth century was passing away, with all its great events, into the domain of history, Elder John died at the ripe age of ninety-four. He left nearly one hundred

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and fifty direct descendants, covering three generations, and all his sixteen children survived him. The race, so well started by its founder, has grown and expanded until, at the present day, two large octavo volumes hardly afford sufficient space to register the names of John Strong's descendants. His fifth son, Ebenezer, was the father of six children, of whom the third was a son named Jonathan, who had in his turn no less than seventeen children. The second son of this numerous family was named Caleb, who in course of time married, and, departing from the custom of his ancestors, had only one son. The diminution of numbers seems to have resulted in a development of ability, for this only son was destined to be the most distinguished of his name, and the most famous among the multitude of John Strong's descendants. Caleb Strong, fifth in descent from the old ruling elder, the future Senator and Governor, and the subject of the present memoir, was born at Northampton, Jan. 9, 1745. From the preceding brief outline of his genealogy, it will be seen that he sprang from a pure English stock. His family was one of the most important in his native town and county. His parents are said to have been "distinguished for original strength of mind and sound judgment, as well as for their prudent, pious, and exemplary Christian development." These latter qualities, highly valued throughout New England, had a special significance at Northampton in the middle of the eighteenth century. The minister of the parish at that time was the most famous theologian of New England, a man whose acute and powerful reasoning spread his reputation far beyond the narrow limits of a Massachusetts village, and made his name familiar wherever the English language was spoken and the doctrines of Calvin were cherished. Jonathan Edwards had already "made full proof of his ministry" in Northampton for nearly twenty years at the time of Caleb Strong's birth. In the controversy which soon after ensued between the minister and a portion of his parish concerning

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the "Halfway Covenant," Mr. and Mrs. Strong took no active part, but they fully sympathized with their distinguished pastor. The religious influences of Caleb Strong's childhood and youth were, therefore, unusually powerful, and they were not without a marked effect upon his character. Throughout his life he was a devout and religious man, and steadily adhered to the sober and rigid faith of his forefathers. His moderate and gentle disposition, however, and the temper of the times in which he lived, saved him from the sternness and bigotry which have always been the dangers of the creed that he professed.

Mr. and Mrs. Strong were resolved that their only son, upon whom all their hopes were centred, should have the best education that could then be obtained. Young Strong was accordingly placed with the Rev. Samuel Moody, of York, Maine, a noted teacher of the day, by whom he was fitted for college. Mr. Strong entered Harvard in 1760, and graduated in due course in 1764. In these years of study he displayed an exemplary character and marked ability, and profited so well by his opportunities that he received the highest honors at his graduation. As he was travelling homeward from college, he fell a victim to that scourge of the last century, the small-pox, from which he barely escaped with his life, and with his eyesight seriously impaired. From this misfortune he never wholly recovered, but it was at first a peculiarly severe trial to a young, successful, and ambitious scholar, who had just selected the law for his profession. With admirable courage, he determined to persevere in his choice, and the devotion of his family enabled him to prosecute his studies. His father and sisters read to him the few law books from which all legal education was then derived, including Coke upon Littleton, in folio, which must, indeed, have appeared to these affectionate but unprofessional readers, as it did to King James, "like the peace of God, which passeth all understanding." The knowledge thus painfully

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acquired was sound and accurate, and the method of study, slow, thorough, and necessitating constant thought, undoubtedly contributed to Mr. Strong's subsequent success at the bar. In advising his son, many years afterwards, as to the value of study, he says: —

"I wish you to be convinced of the importance of improving your time well. Let none of it be wasted in idleness or unprofitable amusement. Some exercise is necessary to your health, — especially, walking some distance every day when the weather and ways are good; but lounging about and hanging over the fences, or sitting a long time in other people's rooms, can have no tendency to promote your health or reputation. If your eyes are fatigued at any time, you may lay aside your book and reflect on what you have read with as much advantage as if you continued reading. In this way I have acquired a principal part of the little knowledge I have."

Arduously and slowly Mr. Strong worked his way through the difficulties which beset his legal studies. His careful reflection and patient thought made him a good lawyer, and his perseverance in adverse circumstances appealed effectively to the members of the profession in his native county, who had recently determined to exclude from their ranks all new aspirants for legal honors. In 1772, Mr. Strong was admitted to the bar. But while, with infinite toil, he had been acquiring the theory of law, he had at the same time been learning its practice under the best auspices. In the office of Joseph Hawley, the leading patriot of Western Massachusetts, Mr. Strong studied not only law, but politics as well. It was a good school for both.* "We must fight," said Hawley, before even the few

* It has been alleged by high authority (Proceedings of Mass. Hist. Soc., 1876–77, p. 397) that Mr. Strong was one of those who signed the Complimentary Address of the Barristers and Attorneys to Governor Hutchinson, on his departure. Many men, who afterward espoused the cause of the Revolution, signed this document; but, without the fullest and most convincing proof, I find it difficult to believe that Caleb Strong was among them. Such an act would have been at variance with all we know of his principles at that time, with the influences by which he was surrounded, and with his whole subsequent career.

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who were of that opinion had dared to express their thoughts. With such a friend and mentor, Mr. Strong ranged himself at an early day upon the patriotic side. Law and politics went hand in hand. He entered the bar in 1772, and the same year was chosen a Selectman of his native town. At the very outset of his career, his moderate disposition and quiet manners commended him to the confidence and the good-will of his fellow-men, and with this election to the highest post in his native village began a long career of public service. The qualities which enabled Mr. Strong to hold office for nearly half a century were evidently conspicuous at the very beginning of his active life. In 1774, he was chosen, together with Hawley, to represent Northampton in the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts. At the same time, he became a member of the Northampton Committee of Safety, a position which he continued to hold during the war. He here rendered efficient service to the cause of the Revolution, although his weakened eyesight prevented him from serving his country in the field. Despite the troubled times, Mr. Strong appears to have rapidly gained professional reputation, and, in 1776,

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His name does not appear in Curwen's list (Curwen's Journal, ed. 1842, pp. 428, 429), nor in the lists printed in the newspapers of the day (see Boston Post-Boy, May 30 and June 6, and Boston News-Letter, June 2, 1774, which contain all the lists mentioned by Governor Hutchinson in his History, III. 459), and the authority for its insertion in the revised list is not given by Mr. Ames in the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society. John Adams (Works, X. 38) says that Mr. Strong's name is appended to an Address to General Gage. This is even more improbable than in the case of Hutchinson. Mr. Strong's name is not in the list of those who addressed Gage on his arrival. (See News-Letter, June 9, 1774.) Gage, however, received (Oct. 6 and 7, 1775) two Addresses on his departure, — one from the loyalists of Boston, the other from those of the country. There was none from the bar, as is stated by John Adams. In neither of these lists does the name of Caleb Strong occur. (See Essex Gazette, Oct. 26, 1775.) That the pupil and colleague of Hawley should have signed an Address to Hutchinson is unlikely enough; but it is absolutely incredible that a member of the Provincial Congress and of the Northampton Committee of Safety, universally trusted and respected, should have been guilty of such stupid duplicity and folly as to sign an Address to Gage in 1775, after war had actually begun.

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he was appointed County Attorney, an office which he filled acceptably for twenty-four years. He rose in political life even more rapidly, being chosen to represent Northampton in the Convention of 1779, which framed the Constitution of Massachusetts. Large as this Convention was, it was no slight honor to be numbered among its members. All that Massachusetts could boast of ability and worth was gathered at Boston, in September, 1779, to draw a new charter for the old colony. Here were assembled all the distinguished men of the State. The old leaders to whose lot it had fallen to pull down, the young whose destiny was to build up, met under the same roof. The old spirit of revolution and independence, and the younger spirit of order, which plucked safety and good government from the convulsions of civil war, united to give a constitution to the Puritan State. Although a young man, Mr. Strong received the high compliment of being chosen one of the four members at large on the Committee appointed to draft the Constitution. Mr. Strong obtained two hundred and three out of two hundred and thirty-seven votes, only six less than the number given to the great popular leader, Samuel Adams. Besides being a member of this Committee, to whom the principal labor of the Convention was entrusted, Mr. Strong served on several sub-committees for the consideration of particular articles. That his services in the Convention were acceptable, and added greatly to his reputation, is shown by the many offices which were now thrown open to him. In 1780, he was a member of the Council of Massachusetts which, until the new Constitution went into operation, wielded the whole executive power of the State. In the same year, he declined an election as delegate to the Continental Congress, and accepted the office of State Senator, which he held until 1789. In 1783, he declined an appointment to the Supreme Bench, as his fortune was too narrow to permit such a loss of professional income as an acceptance of this office would have entailed.

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In 1787, he was chosen to the responsible office of delegate to the National Convention at Philadelphia, and was associated by Massachusetts with Rufus King, Elbridge Gerry, and Nathaniel Gorham in the great work of founding a national government. Mr. Strong took his seat in the Convention on May 28, and shared in the labors and debates of the Convention until August, when he was called home by illness in his family. He appears to have been deeply impressed, as all thoughtful men then were, by the absolute necessity of a stronger central government and more perfect union of the States. There is no trace of sectional feeling or of State rights in his course at this trying time, but he carried with him into the Convention the doctrines of government in which he had been nurtured, and the democratic principles of the Constitution found in him a consistent advocate. He supported the traditional New England system of annual elections of representatives, and opposed the distinction of rank between the House and Senate, which had been urged by Gouverneur Morris as of the last necessity. He thought it best that the two Houses should stand upon an equal footing in their mode of election and in the popular esteem. Mr. Strong showed his liberal and conciliatory disposition, as well as his ardent desire for union, even at some sacrifice of power, by sustaining the compromise which gave to the States the right of representation as such in the Senate. Although a representative of a large State, he was ready to make concessions to the smaller ones.

"It is agreed," he said, "on all hands, that Congress is nearly at an end. If no accommodation takes place, the Union itself must soon be dissolved. It has been suggested that, if we cannot come to any general agreement, the principal States may form and recommend a scheme of government. But will the small States, in that case, ever accede to it? Is it probable the large States themselves will, under such circumstances, embrace and ratify it? I think the small States have made a considerable concession in the article of money

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bills, and that they might naturally expect some concessions on the other side." *

With sound common and legal sense, Mr. Strong opposed the Virginia plan of making the Judges members of a Council to revise the laws. He saw clearly the importance of separating entirely the great departments of government, and was especially averse to any scheme which allowed the expounders of the laws to take part in making them. He also opposed the plan of the Electoral College, and favored a choice of President by the Legislature, as the simplest method attainable. With true New England thrift, he argued in favor of low salaries; and, mindful of Massachusetts history, introduced an amendment, afterward embodied in the Constitution, by which the Senate was deprived of the power of originating money bills. Soon after this, he was called away from Philadelphia, and thus lost the opportunity of affixing his name to the Constitution. But, although deprived of this honor, he was able to render yeoman's service to the cause of a more perfect union by defending and explaining the Constitution in the Massachusetts Ratifying Convention, to which he was presently chosen.

The submission of the Constitution to the people of the various States called national parties into existence. In all the States they sprang up and struggled fiercely over the great issue so suddenly presented. The contest in Massachusetts was peculiarly bitter, and for a long time the result was doubtful. Local causes contributed to swell the ranks of the opposition; but the Federalists, though outnumbered at the start, never faltered, and, by weight of ability, by some adroit management, and by a good deal of work outside of the Convention, were finally successful by a narrow majority. In the party which rallied about the Constitution in Massachusetts, in 1788, Caleb Strong held a prominent place.

* Madison Papers, p. 1101.

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Not only from his devotion to the cause of establishing a national government, but from his legal and political reputation, and, above all, from his having been one of the framers of the Constitution, he was looked up to and acknowledged as a leader. Mr. Strong spoke frequently in debate, and with especial force on the clause giving power to Congress to regulate elections. The limits of this memoir forbid any extracts from his speeches, which are all marked by clearness and force. They are simple and admirable expositions of the various questions of government, expressed, as he himself said of the Constitution, "in the plain common language of mankind." The moderate temper and good sense of the speaker are everywhere apparent, and his power of conciliation and quiet knowledge of character are shown when he addresses John Hancock. Like most of his party, he makes full use of the foibles of that eminent individual, and gracefully assures His Excellency that the latter's amendments would soothe jarring factions, and no doubt be adopted by the new government, if recommended by the Convention.

The labors of the Federalists met with their reward. The Constitution was adopted. A national government was established. A new era began. But only the first step had been taken. The scheme on parchment had to be converted into a living active organism. The Federalists, therefore, made every exertion to commit the great experiment to tried and friendly hands, and their efforts, in New England especially, were covered with success. For her first Senators, Massachusetts selected Caleb Strong and Tristram Dalton. "Our Senators," wrote General Lincoln to Washington, who was anxiously watching the result of the elections, "our Senators are Federal indeed." * Mr. Strong, unlike most of his colleagues, was in his seat on March 4, 1789, and, in drawing lots, obtained the second class, which entitled him to a term

* Writings of Washington, IX. 468.

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of four years. At the expiration of that period, he was re-elected, but resigned three years later. Mr. Strong was an active and useful member of the Senate. He appears to have been recognized as one of the leading lawyers in that body, and most of the committees on which he served were those whose duties would now be assigned to the Judiciary Committee. His most important service was on the committee which drafted the famous Act to establish the judiciary, which passed at the first session, and which has had an importance and an effect equal to almost any measure ever enacted by Congress. Many of his subsequent labors were connected with subsidiary questions growing out of this first act, such as regulating processes, paying the judiciary, and the like. He was chairman of the committee on patents; and, in 1790, served on the one appointed to determine a rule for naturalization. But, besides the more purely legal committees, he held a conspicuous place on those formed for other equally important purposes. In May, 1790, he was chairman of the committee on foreign intercourse; and, in the debate on this question in the following year, while he favored the prompt determination of the question of permanent establishments abroad, he expressed strong doubts of their necessity or expediency. He also served upon the consular and post-office committees, and on one for pensions. That he displayed some talent for finance is shown by the appearance of his name on some of the finance committees, and by the fact that, in 1791, he was selected to report to the Senate Hamilton's plan for a national bank. Throughout his senatorial career, Mr. Strong was constant in his attendance and in his devotion to his duties. It is hardly necessary to say that he acted always with the Federalists, and was one of the most consistent and unchanging members of that party. He sympathized profoundly with the distrust of France which gradually became a leading article in the Federalist creed; and, as early as June, 1792, we find his name among the small

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minority who voted for the modified resolution acknowledging the reception of the French Constitution. Again, in 1795, he strongly supported the motion of his colleague, Mr. Cabot, to strike out the words "magnanimous nation" from the resolution accepting the French flag. Mr. Strong shared fully in the disgust excited at that time by the French policy; and, if he could have had his way, would have separated the reception of the flag from that accorded to the letter of the French government. He, of course, advocated the ratification of the Jay treaty, and earnestly supported the policy of Washington, so bitterly denounced at this critical time. Although the people expected a better treaty, he thought that, like himself, they were convinced that the best had been done, and that it was our duty to abide by it.*

Soon after the exciting struggle of the following session, produced by the resistance in the House to the appropriations for the English treaty, Mr. Strong, wearied of public life, and abundantly satisfied with his share of it, resigned the Senatorship, and returned to the practice of his profession. During the stormy years of the last Federalist administration, Mr. Strong remained in private life. He, of course, warmly supported the government against the aggressions and insults of France, and, in 1797, he writes to his friend, Colonel Pickering,† to congratulate him heartily upon his vigorous reply to M. Adet. The clamor of the French Minister Mr. Strong regarded as merely noisy misrepresentation; but, as his letters were artfully drawn, and as the people do not stop to analyze such statements, he thought it was always well to have them unsparingly refuted. The letter shows a firm and settled opposition to France, but is free from the unreasoning rancor only too common at that time among extreme Federalists. In the unhappy struggles with the President, which finally ruined

* Strong to Pickering, Aug. 22, 1795. Pickering MSS.
† Feb. 6, 1797. Pickering MSS.

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his party, Mr. Strong does not appear to have taken any part, although his sympathies were probably with the opponents of Mr. Adams.

Mr. Strong, on resigning his seat in the Senate, undoubtedly wished and believed his retirement from public life to be final. But so efficient and available a man could not long remain out of office. In 1800, he was brought forward by the Federalists as their candidate for Governor. He easily defeated his competitor, Mr. Gerry, and in Northampton and the six or seven neighboring towns there were no votes cast against him. A stronger proof of the respect in which his character was held, of his amiability and universal popularity, it would be impossible to offer.* Another incident subsequent to this same election, and growing out of it, reveals the secret

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* In this same year, 1800, Mr. Strong was elected a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, then recently founded. His election was announced to him by the Secretary of the Society, in the following terms: —

"Boston, Sept. 21, 1800.

"Sir, — I do myself the honor of informing you that you were elected unanimously a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society at their last meeting.

"I waited upon your Excellency. You was not in town, and my wish to present this in person prevented my sending it on to Northampton.

"Be so kind as to excuse the delay, and to accept it as the address of the Society to one who has every claim to their respect and esteem.

"We need not ask your patronage of such an institution. We beg your assistance to our labors in promoting the object, — an accurate account of the state of the country, — and have reason to expect much, could you spare time from the multiplicity of public business, from the exertion of your literary talents.

"We have published six volumes, and with pleasure find it to be the public opinion that the Historical Collections are among the very useful, if not the most splendid, publications. Certainly, many ancient documents, which future historians will say, 'How well worth preserving!' would have been lost, had our Society been less attentive and zealous.

"Should our late vote meet with the approbation and acceptance of your Excellency, let me beg the favor of an answer, to be given to the Society at their meeting the last week in October.

"I am, Sir, with every sentiment of esteem, your most obedient and humble servant,

"John Eliot,
Corresponding Secretary of the Mass. Hist. Society."

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of Mr. Strong's success in winning the affection of his fellow-men. When the new Governor was inaugurated, the procession usual on such occasions happened to march through Winter Street in Boston, and, as it passed, the venerable Samuel Adams was seen standing at his door. Mr. Strong immediately halted the procession, descended, uncovered his head, and advanced to shake hands with the old patriot of the Revolution.* It was a graceful act, gracefully performed, and shows clearly the gentle temper which made Mr. Strong's long official life so free from any thing like personal bitterness. But, in order to thoroughly appreciate this little scene, it must be remembered that Mr. Adams was the opposition leader, and that party spirit then ran very high. A like moderation was exhibited by Mr. Strong in his annual address, in 1801, at a time when leading Federalists, in public and private, from the pulpit and from the bench, were denouncing the accession of Jefferson as the victory of the worst principles of the French Revolution, as the advent of a Marat or a Robespierre, fatal alike to religion and society. "You will reflect," said Mr. Strong on this occasion, "that in republics the majority must prevail, and that obedience to the laws and respect for the constitutional authorities are essential to the character of a good citizen." The words and the thought are alike simple and even commonplace, but they were rarely heard from the lips of party leaders in 1801. To this wise and conciliatory spirit, to his great personal popularity, and to his steady refusal to exercise his power for party purposes, Mr. Strong owed his long tenure of office.† This portion of his public life was quiet and uneventful, for at this time there were no issues of importance affecting the State. The Governor strove hard to get some just debts paid by the general Government to Massachusetts, but they were Federalist debts, and

* Life of Samuel Adams, Vol. III. 369.

† George Cabot to Pickering. Life of Cabot, p. 343.

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met with small favor at the hands of a Democratic Congress. During these years Mr. Strong wrote frequently to Colonel Pickering, then Senator from Massachusetts, but his letters are curiously devoid of politics. He tells his restless correspondent of the weather and the crops, and of the risings and sittings of the Legislature and of their actions, but he leaves national questions alone; and there is no evidence that he had any knowledge of the Federalist plot to dissolve the Union, which was concocted in Washington in 1804. In a letter written in 1806 he gives an interesting picture of the state of parties at that time, and he expresses feelings which show that the now prevalent distrust of legislative bodies is of old date, and was familiar in 1806 to one who had had a large experience of them. Mr. Strong says: —

"Few important laws of a public nature have been passed; but, if they have done but little good, I think they have not done any great mischief, and this in a legislative body seems to be a character of considerable merit. In general, the two Houses have been uncommonly tranquil and good-humored, and I am told that but little of party spirit has appeared in either of them."

The good humor and the tranquillity mentioned by the Governor were signs of the decay of the two old parties, and indicated the rapid process of absorption by which the Federalist power was being destroyed, even in its strongholds. Nothing but Mr. Strong's popularity retained the State government for the Federalists after 1804, when Massachusetts chose Jeffersonian electors. In 1807, this, too, proved unavailing, and Mr. Strong, after seven years of service, was defeated by Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Strong gladly retired to private life, convinced for the second time that his public career was at an end. But the wretched foreign policy of Mr. Jefferson soon changed the face of affairs, and, by means of the embargo, gave a new lease of life to the expiring Federalist party. As hope revived, they turned to their old

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leader as their best candidate, but Mr. Strong declined to stand, and his determination could not be shaken. He felt that he had done his part, and that his refusal was fully justified. He writes to Colonel Pickering that his withdrawal can have no effect upon the result of the election, and that in the Northampton region, where he commanded the greatest strength, there would be no loss, as the county was thoroughly Federalist.* In this same letter he gives his views on the exciting political issues of the day, and notes with interest the reaction produced by the measures of the administration. "An opinion is gaining ground," he writes, "that the conduct of Government is evidently influenced by partiality in favor of the French, and by fear of offending them," and that they are, therefore, determined on a breach with Great Britain. In regard to Pickering's well-known letter to Sullivan, he says that if the Governor had published the letter, it would have had no great effect, as Pickering's opinions were well known, and it "would have been considered an evidence of the Governor's faithfulness and impartiality; but his sending the letter back, *without reading it*, and publishing his answer in the 'Chronicle,' have had no tendency to increase the number of his friends." One may be sure that the writer of this criticism would never have made such a capital mistake, had he been placed in a like position. The whole letter shows Mr. Strong's steady and firm adherence to Federalist opinions and principles, and is characterized also by the quiet good sense with which he regarded every public or private event.

The years glided by, and once more Mr. Strong was forced by a sense of duty to abandon his retirement, and enter upon a new term of official labors and upon the most trying experience of his long and varied public career. In the spring of 1812, war was near, and the government of Massachusetts was in Democratic hands. But the approach of war with

* Strong to Pickering, Aug. 6, 1808. Pickering MSS.

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Great Britain roused the deeply rooted dislike of New England to such a policy and to its authors. The Federalists again saw victory within their grasp, but they fully appreciated the dangers which menaced them. They needed a leader who was unexceptionable both in character and antecedents, whose personal popularity was considerable, and whose firmness, calmness of temper, and moderation both in word and deed should satisfy the extreme members of the party, without alarming and driving away the more timid brethren. There was one man, and only one, who fulfilled all these requirements. Everybody turned to Mr. Strong as the proper candidate, and he felt that he could not now, as in 1808, refuse. He accepted the nomination, and was elected. The Democrats, then the party in possession, with all the offices in their hands, with the State most carefully and most infamously "gerrymandered," were swept from power, and Mr. Strong triumphed again over his old adversary, Mr. Gerry. The Democrats, during their brief tenure of government, had introduced a thorough system of political proscription in the matter of the State offices, and the aged Gerry had been urged on in this novel business by his great leader, Thomas Jefferson. The problem of remedying this injustice, and of restoring the old system of permanent tenures, was presented to Mr. Strong as soon as he entered upon his office. The following letter shows the manner in which he dealt with the difficulty: —

"Boston, June 20th, 1812.

"My dear Lewis, — . . . The Sheriff, clerks, and others who were ejected last year for their opinions, and who wished to be restored, have been reinstated in their offices. In one instance, a Sheriff who had been removed had died; and in two instances of removal, the former incumbent was otherwise provided for, so as not to desire a restoration. In those cases, the present incumbent has not been disturbed. We contemplate no other removals, unless sufficient cause is shown and proved, and the party accused is heard in his defence.

"Caleb Strong."

The wisdom of Mr. Strong's course shines out brightly against the dark background of his predecessor's blunders.

This matter of the offices, however, was the very least of the difficulties with which Governor Strong had to cope. War was declared June 18. Six days before, Governor Strong had received a request from the Secretary of War to order into the national service a portion of the militia, to be under the command of Major-General Dearborn. On the 22d of June, the day before the news of the declaration of war was received in Boston, General Dearborn made a formal requisition for these troops, to be stationed under his command at different points along the coast. Governor Strong's position was a trying one. The opposition to the war was very general. There was a violent war party, who wished all the resources of the State to be placed at the disposal of the national government; there was a peace party, composed of members of both parties, determined to put every obstacle in the way of the administration; while the Federalists generally regarded the declaration of war as an act of tyranny, and the measures of the dominant party as an infringement of State rights. Another and a very grave difficulty of a practical nature arose from the extreme reluctance of the militia to serve, and from their hatred, amounting almost to insubordination, to being placed under the authority of United States officers.* General Dearborn's requisition raised two questions of the deepest importance. The Constitution says that "Congress shall have power to provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions," and "to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively the appointment of the officers."

* See Sumner's History of East Boston, p. 399, and manuscript letter from Governor Strong to the Commissioners of Massachusetts appointed in accordance with the resolves of the Hartford Convention, Jan. 31, 1815.

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The first question was who was to judge whether one of the three exigencies in which Congress had power to call out the militia had arisen; the second, was whether the militia could, according to the Constitution, be placed under the command of a United States officer. After mature consideration, and from sincere conviction, Mr. Strong decided that he, as Governor of the State, was the proper person to determine whether the constitutional exigency had arisen, and he was also of opinion that the militia must be commanded by their own officers. He made no reply, therefore, to General Dearborn's requisition, but referred the matter to the Council, who reported that the exigency required by the Constitution had not arisen, and advised a submission of the constitutional points to the Supreme Court. This was immediately done, and Chief-Justice Parsons, Judge Parker, and Judge Sewall returned an opinion which fully sustained the views of the Governor. On the 26th of June, General Dearborn made a second requisition, to which Mr. Strong replied, declining to furnish the troops; and, a few days later, he refused to comply with a request from the Secretary of War, urging him to give troops to General Dearborn. But, although he was so jealous of his constitutional rights, Governor Strong was resolved to ensure the complete protection of the State. On the 3d of July, he issued a general order, requiring the militia to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's notice to any threatened point. Not only did he mean to defend the State, but also to comply with every demand of the national government which he considered constitutional. This is shown by his detaching militia, and placing them under the command of General Dearborn, on the 5th of August, to march to the defence of the eastern portion of the State. In doing this, he felt that he went to the utmost limit of his constitutional obligations, and it proves that he did not seek to thwart the national government from sheer partisanship. The following letter to his son explains his course at this time: —

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"BOSTON, August 15th, 1812.

"MY DEAR LEWIS, — I received your letter of the 13th instant yesterday. In my general order I find there was nothing said of the President's command; but in the instructions given to General Sewall, and which, of course, would be communicated to the commander of the militia that are called out, he is directed to have two companies stationed at Eastport, and one at Robbinston, until the President shall otherwise direct, — and in my letter to the Secretary of War I informed him that such directions had been given, — so that they are to be under the command of the President, as was stated would be the case, whenever the militia should march to repel an invasion, in the General Order of July 3d. There was some difficulty in bringing the case within the exigencies mentioned in the Constitution, but I stated that that part of the State was in a peculiar manner in danger of invasion, which was saying as much as I could with truth.

"You inquire whether the opinion of the Supreme Court is to be published. I don't know that I shall have any fit opportunity of doing it until the Legislature meet in October. Perhaps then it will be proper to lay the whole matter before them, as well the opinion as my correspondence on the subject of calling out the militia; but this may depend on the events that may take place between this time and that."

In his message to the Legislature, Mr. Strong said: —

"If this State was in danger, the regular troops would not have been ordered away to the north-west frontiers; and, if they were so ordered, the militia were not liable to be called into service, and stationed in the forts of the United States to do duty, when no danger of invasion appeared. I have been fully disposed to comply with the requirements of the Constitution of the United States, and the laws made in pursuance thereof, and I sincerely regret that a request should have been made by an officer of the national government with which I could not constitutionally comply. But it appeared to me that this requisition was of that character, and I was under the same obligation to maintain the rights of the State as to support the Constitution of the United States." *

* See also Governor Strong's Message, in Massachusetts Resolves, for May 28, 1813, where he reviews his course since the beginning of the war.

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This sentence sums up the whole policy of the Governor during the trying years which followed. If Mr. Strong's political principles be considered, as well as the state of the times and the party to which he belonged, his course appears both temperate and just. Had he complied with the requisitions of General Dearborn, and accepted the Democratic interpretation of the Constitution, he would have been, if not more than man, something considerably less than a Federalist. As to Mr. Strong's views of the two constitutional questions he had to decide, whatever may be thought of their merits, it must not be forgotten that these points had not then been judicially determined. The Governor of Massachusetts was as competent as the President to decide a doubtful constitutional point. In doing so, moreover, he was supported by the majority in Massachusetts, by his constitutional advisers, and by the opinion of his Supreme Court. The legality and caution of his action cannot be questioned. If we cannot acquit three learned lawyers, members of the highest tribunal of the State, of undue partisanship in taking so extraordinary a view of the Constitution as they did upon the first point referred to them, we must, at least, admit that the Governor was legally, if not politically, justified in the course which he adopted.

Mr. Adams, in his Diary,* says that Governor Brooks, the Adjutant-General of Massachusetts in 1812, told him that Governor Strong was completely under the influence of Chief-Justice Parsons. The Governor almost quarrelled, Mr. Brooks said, with him on this account; and he added that it was he who finally forced the Governor to issue the General Order calling out the militia. Mr. Adams professes himself puzzled by this statement, as well he might be, for Governor Strong's course was a purely independent one, and his ordering out the militia came near causing a serious breach with the Chief-

* Diary of John Quincy Adams, Vol. IV. p. 423.

Justice.* Yet he adhered constantly to his determination to retain the militia under his own control, until in his judgment an exigency should arise warranting his ordering them into the service of the United States.

Throughout the war, Governor Strong steadily pursued this policy. When, in the spring of 1814, the British swooped down upon the coast left undefended by the national government, and the alarm of war spread along the shores of New England, Governor Strong put himself at the head of the vigorous movements made by the people to repel the enemy. The militia was called out, volunteers came forward to offer their services, and substantial fortifications were raised for the protection of Boston. Mr. Strong gives, in the following letter, a brief account of the situation: —

"BOSTON, Sunday Evening, Sept. 4th, 1814.

"MY DEAR LEWIS, — . . . You will also see in the newspapers that the British have taken possession of Castine and Belfast with a considerable land force, but we have no particulars, and I have no official account of the proceedings there. The people in this town are in as great agitation, I think, as at any time in the Revolutionary War; and, while this state of things continues, I must remain here, however little good I may be able to do them, though if I can help to make them cool and collected, I shall think myself not wholly useless.† CALEB STRONG."

The danger of foreign invasion, the irritation produced by the war, and the weak yet aggravating policy of the national government produced in the autumn of 1814 the agitation and excitement which resulted in the Hartford Convention.

This measure had the sympathy and approval of the Governor, who, from his situation, was even more deeply impressed than others by the dangers which menaced both

* A full account of Mr. Strong's interview with Judge Parsons on this point may be found in Sumner's History of East Boston, p. 738.

† See also Sumner's History of East Boston, 401–420, for a detailed account of the defensive measures taken at this time.

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State and country, and who felt the necessity of forcing a peace at all hazards. He thought, moreover, that we had no right, considering our ill success in the war, to expect good terms from England, and he writes to Pickering that he can see no reason for indignation at the first terms offered by England at Ghent.* "If Great Britain," he says, "had discovered a haughty or grasping spirit, it might naturally have excited irritation, but I am persuaded that in the present case there is not a member of Congress who, if he was a member of Parliament, would have thought that more moderate terms ought in the first instance to have been offered." This was a sentiment which, at that juncture, was likely to prove more true than palatable. Mr. Strong also remarks that pride, the enemy of peace and justice, had caused the war and might prevent peace; and that, if Mr. Gore and Mr. King had been commissioners, they would, without difficulty, have made a fair treaty. On the following day he writes that he finds the Essex people expect to lose the fisheries, but are ready to give up a portion of Maine to retain them, which shows clearly that peace was the event most desired by the Federalists. In December,† he wrote that the arguments of the American Commissioners displayed ability, but lacked candor and frankness, and he wished that "they had not so much encouraged the language, which is already too frequent, that, if we agree to any terms which are not perfectly agreeable, we shall give up our independence." His views as to the condition and future of the West were those held by many of the Federalists, and are not without interest. He wrote to Colonel Pickering in February, 1815,‡ that the news made it evident that New Orleans would not be taken, and that its capture would have hastened the separation of the Western from the Atlantic States.

* Strong to Pickering, Oct. 17, 1814. Pickering MSS.
† Strong to Pickering, Dec. 15, 1814. Pickering MSS.
‡ Strong to Pickering, Feb. 7, 1815. Pickering MSS.

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"However," he adds, "it is hardly to be supposed that the Western States will long continue connected with us. They will soon possess all the requisites for their complete security, and will naturally prefer a government of their own and among themselves to one at a great distance. The territory of the United States is so extensive as to forbid us to indulge the expectation that we shall remain many years united. But whenever a separation shall take place, I hope it will be effected, not only without contention, but with perfect good-will. We may be happy as neighbors, where a union would be inconvenient."

As may be supposed, Governor Strong was one of those who rejoiced most sincerely at the return of peace. He longed for definite news of the conclusion of the treaty in season for him to decline to stand again as candidate; for, while the war lasted, he felt obliged to remain in office.* The treaty did not arrive in time to release him, he was re-elected once more, and held the office until 1816, when he took his final leave of public life.

At last the peace and retirement which Mr. Strong so much desired, and which he so well deserved, had come to him, but they were destined to be rudely broken and to be of short duration. In 1817, his wife, a woman of most attractive character, the daughter of the Rev. John Hooker, the successor of Edwards, to whom he had been married in 1777, and whom he tenderly loved, died after a lingering illness. Mr. Strong did not long survive this severe blow, although he bore it with patient resignation. On Nov. 7, 1819, he died at his house in Northampton, painlessly and almost instantaneously, from an attack of *angina pectoris*.

Mr. Strong's long and varied public services have left but little space to speak of his personal appearance and private character. He was tall and of moderate fulness of person.† He had a rather long oval face, which in Stuart's portrait has

* MS. letter, Caleb Strong to Lewis Strong.
† Sullivan's Familiar Letters, p. 369.

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a gentle and pleasant yet firm expression. His manners were kindly and agreeable, but marked rather by the simplicity of one bred in the country than by the polish of a man who had mixed much with the world. In his domestic relations and in private life Mr. Strong was both loved and respected. A long series of letters addressed to his son Lewis, when the latter was at school and college, give a most interesting picture of the writer's mind and character. They are marked by strong good sense, are both wise and kindly, and occasionally exhibit a spirit of sober and gentle satire, evincing always a more than common penetration and a cool judgment of human character and feelings. This parental advice is tinged with a Puritan sombreness of thought, and the traditional New England suspicion of every thing pertaining to the pleasant side of life crops out here and there in a manner which seems strange enough at the present day. A few extracts from these letters will not be out of place, as they shed much light on the character of the writer, while at the same time they illustrate modes of thought and habits of life now utterly extinct.

"NORTHAMPTON, Sept. 9, '99.

"MY DEAR LEWIS, —. . . You have entered upon a new scene, and are at a distance from those to whom your interest and happiness are most dear, but I hope you will always be solicitous to preserve your innocence and virtue, and to acquire improvement and a good reputation. Your future success in life depends very much upon the manner in which you employ the time at college. Indeed, this may be called the spring and seed time of your life, and your future harvest will be in proportion to your industry at this period. We are told that the sluggard who does not plough shall be at the harvest and have nothing. If you waste your time in playing cards, or other idle and disgraceful amusements, or in lolling in your chair, you will have the character of a poor scholar, and be despised by every one, but I hope better things of you, and flatter myself you have understanding enough to discover the value of a public education, and the importance of a close application to your studies. . . .

"I am your affectionate parent, CALEB STRONG."

The next letter was written after the death of a little daughter. It shows the strong religious feelings of the writer, and displays also that curious mixture of tenderness and stoicism so frequently met with in the Puritan character.

"NORTHAMPTON, Sept. 11, 1799.

"MY DEAR LEWIS, —. . . You will readily suppose that we are all of us overwhelmed with grief at this event. Indeed, the manners of Phebe were so sprightly and engaging, and her tongue so mild and gentle, and her disposition so affectionate and benevolent, that all of her acquaintances were fond of her. She was peculiarly dear to every one of the family, and the neighbors who knew her were every day speaking in her commendation; but, like a flower, she is cut down and withered. I hope her death will serve to convince us of the uncertainty of earthly enjoyments, and the necessity of securing the friendship of that Almighty Being who alone can support us when, like Phebe, we shall experience the agonies of death.

"I wish it might have happened so that you had been here, that we might have shared together our sorrow, but we must acquiesce in all the dispensations of heaven, and I pray God that you and all of us may derive lasting benefit from this distressing bereavement.

"I am your affectionate parent, CALEB STRONG."

"NORTHAMPTON, Nov. 14th, 1799.

"MY DEAR LEWIS, —. . . I write only for the purpose of giving you information of our welfare, and of reminding you that it is of great importance to you to be diligent in your studies, and that you avoid every evil consequence. I heard of your being at the play soon after you arrived at Cambridge. It will not be advantageous to you to attend those amusements often. It would endanger your health, after spending three or four hours in such a warm place as a playhouse, to walk in the cold air as far as Cambridge; and, besides, going frequently to such places of amusement would divert you too much from the business you are to pursue at college. I hope that you will conduct with prudence in all respects, and that you will acquire the character of a good scholar and a person of engaging and amiable manners."

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"Boston, March 5, 1803.

"My dear Lewis, — . . . The dress of a scholar near the close of his term at college should be a little more elegant than is necessary at an earlier period. He must then have somewhat the appearance of a gentleman. When you was here, I thought your dress was hardly elegant enough. The coats that are cut straight down before may perhaps be called buckish, but, so far as I have observed, they are not worn by genteel people. If you want new clothes, you must go to Callender's for them, and get those that are good and durable, and take care to have them made large. If you want a new hat, you must get one. . . .

"I am, my dear Lewis, your affectionate parent,

"Caleb Strong."

Mr. Strong's character is not a difficult one to analyze, and in its simplicity may be found the cause of much of the success which always attended its possessor. Mr. Strong was not a man of brilliant intellectual powers, but he supplemented good natural talents by steady application, by cool judgment, and by the exercise on all occasions of most excellent common sense. He was unswerving in his adherence to all his principles; but, though he was a leader in a very dogmatic party, he always expressed himself temperately, and in a fashion which gave offence to no man. This moderation of temper was conspicuous in every act of his public life. Though he frequently held extreme views, he never pushed them in practice to a dangerous distance. His temperance in word, thought, and action, combined with high character and great amiability, was the secret of his personal popularity, which enabled him to retain high office at periods when, it may be safely said, not one of his party friends could have commanded an election. It is a curious fact that, in all the letters of the time, Governor Strong is never mentioned either with praise or blame, if we except an occasional general expression of respect and confidence. Of course, his conduct as a public man was criticised in newspapers and pamphlets, but rarely with personality. This was most remarkable in an

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age when savage party warfare gave birth to the bitterest and most abusive attacks upon private character as well as public actions. Such a complete absence of comment in contemporary writings seems strangely inconsistent with the fact that for nearly half a century Mr. Strong held high places, and was often called upon, especially during his last term, as the executive of the State, to resolve momentous questions. Such questions, too, he never shunned, but decided them with firmness, and adhered unflinchingly to his convictions of duty and to the line of action which he had marked out. This silence on the part of both friends and foes cannot be explained merely by Mr. Strong's moderate temper or amiable disposition. It shows conclusively that he did not possess those salient qualities of mind and heart which must awaken either enthusiastic attachment or deep dislike, and cannot admit indifference. A man of this sober character and even disposition does not deeply impress those about him, nor leave his peculiar personal mark upon history, even though his actions were at the time of great moment, and become afterwards of the highest historical interest. But, on the other hand, such a man, even if he be an aristocrat in principle, secures the great prizes of elective offices in a democracy, and obtains the greatest measure of practical success from his capacity for dealing with his fellow-men, and winning their love and respect, without ever offending their prejudices. Popular and beloved, respected by all, conscientious and painstaking in the discharge of every duty, of a firm and quiet patriotism, Mr. Strong has left an honored and historic name. This memoir cannot close more appropriately than with the words used by Dr. Lyman when he preached Mr. Strong's funeral sermon: "You will unite your voice with mine when I say that few, very few men have sustained public honors more peacefully, and been more eminently useful, through a long life, in times that tried men's souls." H. C. L.

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Memoir of Eben. Parsons, Esq.

Eben. Parsons, one of our early members, was a merchant, whose name, in the opening years of this century, was as distinguished in the walks of commerce, as that of his elder brother, the late Chief-Justice, Theophilus Parsons, was at the bar and on the bench. He was the second son of the Rev. Moses Parsons, of Byfield Parish, in Newbury, Essex County, and was born in that town in 1746. He received a good common-school education, and then entered a counting-room in Gloucester; and there, in due time, began business as a merchant, and married, at an early age, Mary Gorham, of that town. At the breaking out of our Revolutionary War, he removed his family to Byfield, while he himself transferred his business to Newburyport, and engaged in privateering, which, says Mr. Lodge, in his "Life and Letters of George Cabot," "the only naval warfare possible to the colonists, was not only patriotic, but profitable to those engaged." He subsequently returned to Gloucester, and, in 1781 or 1782, removed to Boston, where his business speedily enlarged and prospered. He was one of the earliest to send his vessels up the Red Sea, where they took in large cargoes of coffee, which were carried round to Smyrna, and sold there always at a large profit, and often at from three to four times their cost. An intelligent, enterprising, and successful merchant, he became very rich, owned many ships, and conducted a large commerce in the Mediterranean and Baltic Seas. His property, at one time, was estimated at seven hundred thousand dollars, — an immense sum seventy or eighty years ago. He never insured any of his ships or cargoes, preferring, as he used to say, "to stand his own insurer"; and so, when the wars of Napoleon I. and our war with England came, and our commerce suffered so severely, Mr. Parsons suffered with others, and lost a large part of his property. These losses

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and his near approach to the allotted age of man had their natural effect upon him. They induced him to retire entirely from business, and remove to Byfield, where, some years before, he had bought a farm contiguous to the parsonage in which he was born. The parsonage and land connected with it he could not buy, and so he contented and amused himself with improving and cultivating as thoroughly as possible the large farm he had been able to secure.

These last years of his life at Byfield were quiet, peaceful, and happy. He had a large, frank, generous disposition, and his hospitalities and kindness were great and constant. He was often visited at Byfield by his old friends from Boston, whom he was always glad to welcome, and retain as long as possible. Among the most valued of them, and who often visited him, was the late President Kirkland, who had been for many years his pastor in Boston, always dining with him on Thanksgiving Day, and keeping up the custom after Mr. Parsons had removed to Byfield. While a resident in Boston, Mr. Parsons lived in Summer Street, where, soon after his removal from Gloucester, he bought a house, with a pasture or large lot of land, containing between two and three acres, adjoining it. He was unwilling to sell or dispose of this estate during his life. It was sold after his death, and the warehouses in Winthrop Place and the neighborhood now cover the spot. Mr. Parsons never entered Boston after he removed from it, though he came as near to it as the upper part of Charlestown Neck, in one or two visits which he made to his son, the late Gorham Parsons, of Brighton. This son, Gorham, was the only one of his family who survived him. He had had two other sons, both of whom bore the name of Byfield, and both died in infancy.

Mr. Parsons never held any public office of any kind. While not deficient in public spirit, he had no political ambition, nor taste for political strife or intrigue. A good citizen, a kind neighbor, a steadfast friend, an honest and honorable

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merchant, he devoted himself exclusively to business till he retired from it entirely. After that retirement, he seems to have been averse to business enterprises of any kind. He let nearly all his money remain until his death in the hands of his London bankers, who allowed him three per cent for the use of it; and on these funds he drew as he needed money. He died at Byfield, after a lingering but painless illness, in 1819, intestate.

A venerable lady, now in her fifth score of years, and whose acquaintance with Mr. Eben. Parsons began in 1793–94, thus describes Mr. Parsons's personal appearance and character, she being at the time a member of his son's, Gorham Parsons's, family, whose wife was her aunt. The father and son lived nearly opposite each other, in the lower part of Summer Street, and "the two families dined together at the father's house every Sabbath day, sure of a cordial welcome; while every Monday morning, at half-past eight o'clock, the father appeared at the house of the son, to bestow a kindly morning greeting on each one of the family, and to have the company of his son to their place of business at the North End. Portly-looking men, both of them: the father, the taller of the two, dressed in the fashion of that day, in light drab breeches, with knee-buckles, shining brightly; long, delicate, white stockings; and stout, well-polished shoes, also with buckles; a vest of the same color as the breeches, cut long in Quaker style; and the coat, and overcoat, if needed, were of the same color. A cocked hat and gold-headed cane completed the costume; the son, dressed in a more youthful manner, walking by his side. Uncle Eben.'s hair was perfectly white, combed straight and smooth from his forehead, which was a fine one and free from wrinkles, and brought down his back in a long queue, wound round its full length with a narrow black ribbon, excepting two or three inches at its end, which slightly curled, and which, in my childish days, I privately and mischievously cut off, to the astonishment and

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horror of all present. Even he himself was considerably excited; but, on asking me why I did such a thing, and being answered, 'I wanted it put in a pin for me to wear all the time,' I was forgiven; and, strange to say, for forty years past I have worn in that way a little white lock of hair from that head, the pin containing it being given to me by my uncle after his father's and my aunt's death. Estimating the character of Mr. Eben. Parsons with what capability of judgment I may now possess, I should say he was a man of strong character, with strong passions, with much solid good sense. Hasty himself, but forgiving to others. Generous, too, loving to do good and communicate; looking for nothing in return. A warm friend and a kind master; always willing, I have been told, to assist in every thing for the public benefit."

Of the truth of this last remark, his early membership of our Society is a conclusive evidence. S. K. L.

Notice of Rev. William Bentley, D.D.

William Bentley was a son of Joshua and Elizabeth (Paine) Bentley, and was born in Boston, June 22, 1759. He early exhibited a fondness for study, and was fitted for college at the Public Latin School, in his native town, under the immediate eye of his maternal grandfather. Entering Harvard College at the age of fourteen, he graduated in 1777, in the same class with Rufus King, the Rev. Drs. Freeman and Homer, and the Hon. Daniel Kilham, who were afterward associated with him as members of the Historical Society. On leaving college, he was appointed an assistant teacher in the Latin School; and, two years afterward, he was transferred to the North Grammar School, of which he was master for one year. In 1780, he was appointed tutor in Greek and Latin in Harvard College, and he retained this

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office until 1783, pursuing at the same time a course of theological study.

In September, 1783, he was ordained as colleague pastor of the Second or East Church, in Salem; and, on the death of the senior minister, the Rev. James Diman, in October, 1788, he became sole minister. This position he held until his own death, which occurred suddenly, from disease of the heart, on the 29th of December, 1819. He had been educated in the theological opinions at that time prevalent in New England; but his doctrinal views gradually changed, and at length he became a decided and avowed Unitarian. As a preacher he does not seem to have held a very high rank, though he delivered the Artillery Election Sermon in 1796, and the Election Sermon in 1807, both of which were printed. He also published several occasional sermons and masonic addresses, and is said to have left more than three thousand discourses, beside other manuscripts. In all his ministerial and parochial duties he was singularly exact and faithful, and the poorer members of his society found in him a generous friend. "No man," said the "Boston Patriot," in an editorial article published two days after his death, "has paid more frequent, more sincere, more candid, or more feeling tributes to the 'illustrious dead' than Dr. Bentley. Forgetting individual opinion, and regardless of what others might think, he kept his course with genuine independence. He was a philosopher, perhaps of the sceptical, but certainly not of the indolent, order. No man was ever more industrious. No divine was ever more fair or more honest. As an inquirer into nature he was patient, inquisitive, zealous, and communicative." The "Salem Gazette" bore equally strong testimony to his industry and fidelity. "His activity and industry in literary pursuits," we are told, "never diverted his attention from his parochial duties. He was the friend, counsellor, and guide of his parishioners, and always enjoyed their warmest attachment and affection. To the poor and unfortunate

he carried not empty professions of sympathy, but he was their active friend and comforter. He daily sought the abodes of misery, of poverty, and of misfortune, and to the extent of his pecuniary means administered to their relief and comfort. His influence, his example, and his most active exertions were devoted to the alleviation of sorrow and suffering."

His scholarship was extensive and accurate. He knew well more than twenty languages, and he had some familiarity with several others. So early as March, 1796, he was chosen a member of the Historical Society; and to the sixth volume of the Collections he contributed the first part of a History of Salem, which was not completed, — it is said, on account of some disagreement with the Rev. Dr. Morse, who was one of the Publishing Committee for the seventh volume. On the incorporation of the American Antiquarian Society, he was chosen a member of its Council; and by his will he left to that Society his cabinet, paintings, and engravings, and a large mass of manuscripts. In 1819, a few months before his death, he received from Harvard College the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

In 1794, a few years after the establishment of the "Salem Gazette," Mr. Bentley began to write for it a weekly summary of news, and these articles were continued until 1797, when the paper passed into the hands of a new editor. Subsequently, in 1800, when the first number of the "Salem Register" was issued, he resumed his labors, which were only interrupted by his death, his last article having appeared only a few days previously. "For nearly twenty years," it was stated in an article published in the "Register" on the 1st of January, 1820, "Dr. Bentley has been, without reward, the constant, faithful, and firm friend of our establishment." In politics he was a zealous Republican; and, during the war of 1812, he joined a military company. On the Sunday afternoon when the frigate "Constitution" was chased into

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Marblehead by two British frigates, he dismissed his congregation, according to tradition, and marched to that place. On his return, he is said to have preached a sermon from the text, "*There* go the ships!" He had many harmless eccentricities, and he was fond of selecting odd texts, from which he often discoursed on the current topics of the day, in a manner sometimes thought to be irreverent.

Dr. Bentley's reputation was not confined to his own State or country. In 1805, he was offered and declined the Presidency of the University of Virginia; and he was a regular correspondent of Professor Ebeling, of Hamburg, who was much indebted to him for aid in the formation of the large and valuable collection of books and pamphlets relating to America, known as the Ebeling Collection, now in the library of Harvard College. Dr. Bentley was never married; and, by his will, he gave all his classical and theological books and his lexicons, dictionaries, and Bibles to Alleghany College, at Meadville, Pennsylvania. Beside the gift to the Antiquarian Society, he left to his nephew and executor a considerable number of books and manuscripts, which were transferred to that Society in 1866, after the death of the legatee.

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Notice of Hon. Josiah Bartlett, M.D.

Josiah Bartlett, Sen., was a son of George Bartlett, a sea captain, of the parish of Slocum Regis, Devonshire County, England. He came to Charlestown, and married Katherine Whittemore, July 18, 1758. Here their son Josiah, the subject of this notice, was born Aug. 11, 1759.*

He entered Harvard College, but, owing to the confusion of the times, left it to become a student with Dr. Isaac

* The facts in this paragraph are taken from "Charlestown Genealogies and Estates," by Thomas Bellows Wyman, now in the press.

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Forster, a respectable physician of Charlestown, who, soon after the 19th of April, 1775, became connected with the medical department of the American army, and, subsequently, was chief surgeon of the General Hospital at Cambridge. He procured for his pupil, then about sixteen years old, the place of surgeon's mate. In this capacity he ministered to the comforts of the soldiers who were wounded at Bunker Hill. Here he first met his eminent friend, Dr. John Warren. "I recollect him," he said, "in the camp, accoutred as a private soldier, and ready, at that eventful crisis, to add another victim to the fame of his family, or to engage in any other duties to meliorate the condition of an infant army." He served with him in the military hospitals. He held the place of surgeon's mate until 1780, when he resigned his commission. He then attended a course of lectures given by Dr. John Warren in the military hospital, located in a pasture in the rear of the present Massachusetts General Hospital. It was "the first course of anatomical lectures in this Commonwealth with dissections and demonstrations."

Dr. Bartlett next served two years as a surgeon in the navy. He continued in the public service through the war of the Revolution. In discharging these duties he manifested "a degree of activity, attention, and faithfulness which secured to him a high reputation and the approbation of his superiors in office." After the war, he settled in Charlestown as a physician, and soon acquired a large practice. He married, April 6, 1783, Elizabeth Call, of this town.

Dr. Bartlett early in life joined the fraternity of Masons, and filled all the posts of honor in the craft up to that of Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. He held this high office repeatedly. He was one of the founders of King Solomon's Lodge of Charlestown. The petition for the charter requests "that our Brother Josiah Bartlett, in whose judgment and integrity we can fully confide, may be constituted our first Master." This was accordingly done;

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and, in 1786, when "Warren Hall was opened with appropriate ceremonies," Dr. Bartlett delivered the oration.

In 1793, the Grand Lodge united with King Solomon's Lodge in celebrating with great parade the Festival of St. John the Baptist. Dr. Bartlett then delivered, at the Meeting-house, "A Discourse on the Origin, Progress, and Design of Freemasonry," which was printed.

The petition just named concludes by referring to Warren as "a name dear to Masons, and to be revered by all who wish to walk within compass and to act upon the square." In 1794, Dr. Bartlett was chairman of the committee appointed by the Lodge to erect a monument to the memory of Joseph Warren. He served on this committee, and on the day of the dedication of the monument he delivered at Warren Hall a eulogy on the patriot.

In 1797, Feb. 22, at the request of King Solomon's Lodge, he delivered an address at Warren Hall on the character of Washington. In 1798, he printed an elaborate paper on the subject of Freemasonry, which elicited a sharp letter addressed to him from Hon. Samuel Dexter.

For years he continued in the quiet duties of his profession, enlarging his sphere of usefulness and measure of popularity, and was the chief, if not the only, physician of the town. He took an interest in whatever promoted the prosperity of the place. He served as a member of the School Committee, as one of the Board of Selectmen, and as moderator of the town meetings. He was also a civil magistrate. He engaged in the great enterprise of that day, the building of the Charles River Bridge. He prepared an account of Charlestown, which appeared in the first and second numbers of the "American Recorder," of 1785, a local paper. In 1794, on the 17th of June, he delivered at the Meeting-house an oration, at the request of the Charlestown Artillery Company. This corps were on duty in the Shays Rebellion. The orator said: "We recollect with gratitude your cheerful and

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active obedience, with others of our military brethren who are now present, to the serious calls of government." The oration was printed and dedicated "to Major William Calder, with the officers and members of the Charlestown Artillery Company." He was, in 1798, elected a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and, in 1811, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1800, he was elected a Representative, and subsequently was chosen Senator and Counsellor. His position in his native town is indicated by his being selected by the Parish Committee and the Selectmen to deliver the oration on Washington on the day (Feb. 22, 1800) set apart by Congress for the general observance of his death. This oration was printed. This year John Warren, Paul Revere, and Josiah Bartlett, as Past Grand Masters, signed the Address of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to Martha Washington, in which they requested a lock of Washington's hair, to be preserved in a golden urn; and they received the precious memorial, accompanied by a feeling letter from Mrs. Washington.

In 1810, April 12, he delivered an address before the St. Andrews Lodge, at the Old Green Dragon Tavern, in Boston. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and his first official visit was the occasion of this address being delivered. It is printed in Vol. XXXII. of the "Freemason's Monthly Magazine," where it is termed "a chaste and elegant production."

It was, however, to his profession that he gave his largest service. He was a member of the Middlesex Medical Association, served as one of its Counsellors, and delivered before it a discourse on the medical science. In 1789, he was admitted a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, became its Recording Secretary and Counsellor, and continued in its service to the close of his life. In 1790, he attended a course of medical lectures in Cambridge; in 1791, became a Bachelor of Medicine; and, in 1801, received the degree of

M.D. He made communications to these societies and to the "New England Medical Journal."

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Medical Society, June 6, 1810, he read an elaborate address. This was printed in a pamphlet, and is entitled "A Dissertation on the Progress of Medical Science in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts." This was revised and enlarged for the first volume of the second series of the Massachusetts Historical Society's Collections. It is here entitled "An Historical Sketch of the Progress of Medical Science in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being the substance of a Discourse read at the annual meeting of the Medical Society, June 6, 1810, with alterations and additions to Jan. 1, 1813." The additions contain important contributions to the history of medical science. In view of his varied labors in this branch of knowledge, Dr. Thacher says: "Perhaps no man contributed more time and active exertion to improve the state of the Society (Massachusetts Medical), and, through it, the interests of medical literature."

Dr. Bartlett was a member of a Reading Society in Charlestown. In 1813, this Society obtained an Act of Incorporation by the name of the "Washington Hall Association," and erected a suitable building for its accommodation. On the day of its dedication, Nov. 16, Dr. Bartlett read a paper, entitled "An Historical Sketch of Charlestown." This he prepared, with copious notes, for the Massachusetts Historical Society, and it was printed (1814) in the second volume of the second series of its Collections. It is the most elaborate of his publications. It was also printed in a pamphlet, and "respectfully inscribed to the citizens of Charlestown, in testimony of the author's gratitude for their various and repeated tokens of confidence and esteem."

Dr. Bartlett was a Vice-President of the Charlestown branch of the Washington Benevolent Society. In 1813, Feb. 22, he delivered before the Society an oration. The

committee who thanked him "for his excellent and appropriate oration" were Jeremiah Evarts, Esq., and Dr. Abraham R. Thompson.

In 1815, he lost his revered friend, Dr. John Warren. He was one of the pall-bearers at the funeral, and was invited by the Grand Lodge to make the eulogy. This was delivered at a quarterly meeting, when the Governor, the high officers of the State, the Selectmen of Boston, and the officers of the societies to which the deceased belonged, were present. It was a finished production. In it he made this personal allusion: "By a connection with the military hospitals, it was my happiness, in early life, to enjoy the friendship of the deceased. His candid attentions were continued in my riper years; and his kindness in periods of domestic sickness and adversity I rejoice publicly to acknowledge with unfeigned gratitude."

Down to the beginning of the present century, the ancient town of Charlestown had but one meeting-house and one church. The Rev. Jedediah Morse, D.D., was the minister. At this time, members of different denominations began to withdraw from the First Parish, and to form new societies: and when those sympathizing with the Unitarian faith separated from the First Church, they were incorporated as "The Second Congregational Church"; then as "The New Church"; and then as "Harvard Church." Dr. Bartlett gave much of his time to the work of organizing this Society. His name stands at the head of the list of original members. He was one of the First Parish Committee in 1816, and served also in this capacity in 1817 and 1818, and he generally presided at the parish meetings. He presented to the Society the christening basin now in use, and was one of the committee who located and built the present house of worship. Thus he was one of the founders of the Harvard Church.*

* The authority for the statements in this paragraph is "Historical Sketches of the Harvard Church, in Charlestown," by Henry H. Edes, now in the press.

Dr. Bartlett's last public service was in 1817, when he was chairman of the committee appointed to welcome President Monroe to Charlestown. He was escorted by a detachment of cavalry from the gate of the Navy Yard to the Square, where, under a civic arch of evergreens, covered with garlands of flowers, he met the Committee of Reception on horseback. The chairman, Hon. Josiah Bartlett, welcomed the President in the following felicitous words: —

"We have the honor, Sir, in behalf of the inhabitants of Charlestown, respectfully to welcome you to this ancient settlement, which has once fallen a sacrifice to freedom, and still retains some vestiges of the Revolutionary War, in which you engaged at an early period of life.

"We cheerfully unite with our countrymen in the expression of esteem and confidence to which your illustrious character and station entitle you; and we rejoice that, whilst your administration has commenced under such auspicious circumstances, we can anticipate its progress with public approbation, and its termination with renown to yourself and prosperity to the nation."

The President replied: —

"It is highly gratifying to me to meet the Committee of Charlestown upon a theatre so interesting to the United States.

"It is impossible to approach Bunker Hill, where the War of the Revolution commenced with so much honor to the nation, without being deeply affected. The blood spilt here roused the whole American people, and united them in a common cause in defence of their rights. That union will never be broken.

"Be pleased to accept my thanks for your kind attention on this interesting occasion."

Dr. Bartlett had a physical constitution which promised a long as well as an active life; but he indorsed the promissory notes of a relative, which it required more than the value of his whole estate to meet. This broke his spirits. His health, in consequence, became impaired. His activity was paralyzed. His desire of life was extinguished. At length, on

the third day of March, 1820, he was struck with apoplexy, which, in two days, terminated his existence.

He was remarkable, Thacher says, "for industry, activity, and intelligence. He never declined any duty which was assigned him, and always executed it speedily and thoroughly; and was, of course, constantly resorted to for difficult services." * His friend and townsman, Thomas Hooper, says: "He was eminent in his profession, skilful in his practice, and his helping hand was always ready and open to aid in public improvements and private charities."

Dr. Bartlett had sixteen children. One of his sons, Josiah, became a physician of Concord, Massachusetts, and was, from 1836 to 1857, a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society. One of his students was the late Dr. Abraham R. Thompson.

The following works were written by him: —

1793. Discourse on the Origin, Progress, and Design of Freemasonry.
1794. Oration on the 17th of June, at the request of the Charlestown Artillery Company.
1797. Address before King Solomon's Lodge, on the Birthday of Washington.
1798. Communication on Freemasonry, in the "Massachusetts Mercury," of September 7.
1800. Oration on the Death of Washington, Feb. 22, 1800.
1808. Case of Calculi in the Bladder of a Boy. Case of Tetanus, from puncture of a Tendon of the Foot: cured by amputation.
1810. Address before the St. Andrew's Lodge, at the old Green Dragon Tavern, in Boston.
1810. A Dissertation on the Progress of Medical Science in Massachusetts.
1813. The Dissertation enlarged, in Massachusetts Historical Collections.
1813. An Historical Sketch of Charlestown. A paper read before the Washington Hall Association.
1814. The Same, with Notes; in second volume of second series of Massachusetts Historical Society's Collections.
1813. Oration before the Charlestown Branch of the Washington Benevolent Society.
1815. Oration occasioned by the Death of John Warren, M.D.

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* The citations of Dr. Thacher are from his "American Medical Biography." Article: Josiah Bartlett.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, 29th August, 1820, — the members present were, Davis, Dexter, Everett, Holmes, Merrill, Ripley, Savage, Webster, Winthrop, and Winthrop.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

Communications of letters and donations were made by the Corresponding Secretary.*

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Dr. Holmes for his great service in preparing the catalogue of the Old South Library.†

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* The following letter, on file, must have been read at this meeting: —

"PLYMOUTH, July 10, 1820.

"SIR, — The commemoration of the completion of the second century since the first permanent settlement of New England, by the Pilgrims, will be celebrated at Plymouth, by the Pilgrim Society, on the 22d of December next, on which interesting occasion an address may be expected from the Hon. Daniel Webster, of Boston. It is a vote of the Trustees 'that the government of the Massachusetts Historical Society be duly notified of these intentions and arrangements of the Pilgrim Society.'

"I have the honor to be, Sir, very respectfully,

"SAMUEL DAVIS,
Corresponding Secretary of the Pilgrim Society.

"Rev. Dr. HOLMES, Corresponding Secretary
of the Massachusetts Historical Society." EDS.

† It will be remembered that, at the annual meeting in 1818 (p. 273), Dr. Holmes informed the Society that they were in possession of a catalogue of the New England Library, and that thereupon he was requested to insert in it a list, by themselves, of the books received from that Library on deposit in the Society's rooms. The catalogue, as received by the Society, was in two parts. It was in the handwriting of Prince himself. One part was entitled, "New English Books and Tracts collected by Thomas Prince, of Boston, N.E."; the other, "New English Pamphlets belonging to Thomas Prince, of Boston." Both parts were found some years before, at the house of the then late Hon. Moses Gill, of Princeton, by Dr. Holmes, to whom they were lent; and, at Dr. Holmes's suggestion, they were subsequently presented to the Society by Moses

Robert Walsh, Esq., of Philadelphia, and John Van Ness Yates, Esq., of Albany, were elected Corresponding Members.

Gill, Esq., the nephew of Lieutenant-Governor Gill. The following correspondence relates to the subject of this catalogue: —

"Princeton, May 23, 1815.

"Rev. Sir, — My respected and venerable pastor, the Rev. James Murdock, has noticed to me, that from an intimation from you, that the manuscript catalogue of books belonging to the Old South Church, and the list of New England publications made out by the late Rev. Thomas Prince, and which composed a part of the papers left me by my honored uncle, the late Lieutenant-Governor Gill, might be of public benefit if deposited among the archives of the Historical Society, I now, Sir, resign them up to your disposal, with full liberty, if you think proper, as Secretary of the Historical Society, to present them to that very respectable institution.

"With great respect, I am your humble servant, Moses Gill.

"Rev. Abiel Holmes, D.D., Cambridge."

"Princeton, May 24, A.D. 1815.

"Rev. and Dear Sir, — The contents of the preceding page will show you the result of the application to Mr. Gill. I have to add that he very cheerfully complied with the suggestion, and feels himself happy in having an opportunity to gratify your wishes, and to show his respect for the Historical Society. . . .

"With esteem and friendship, yours, James Murdock.

"Rev. Abiel Holmes, D.D."

"Cambridge, 31st August, 1815.

"Sir, — At a meeting of the Historical Society, on Tuesday last (which was the first meeting since the receipt of your obliging letter of 23d May), I communicated your letter authorizing me to present to the Society, in your behalf, the manuscript catalogues of Rev. Mr. Prince's collections of New England books and tracts, and declared them to be accordingly presented.

"Whereupon it was voted that the thanks of the Society be presented to you, Sir, for this donation.

"While officially transmitting to you this vote, I avail myself of the opportunity to acknowledge my personal obligations to you for the loan of the manuscripts, and the pleasure I feel in the disposal you have been pleased to make of them, and subscribe myself, Sir, your obliged and very humble servant,

"A. Holmes, Secretary, &c.

"Mr. Moses Gill."

It may be added that no minute was made by the Recording Secretary of the presentation of this catalogue, or the vote of thanks referred to in Dr. Holmes's letter.

Agreeably to the vote on the 30th of April, 1818, Dr. Holmes prepared a

M. Carlo Botta was nominated a Corresponding Member by Mr. Everett.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Oct. 26, 1820, — the members present were, Freeman, Gray, Hale, Lowell, Pierce, Savage, Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

M. Carlo Botta was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member.*

Mr. Savage was added to the Committee for publishing the next volume of the Collections.

Meeting dissolved.

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catalogue, on fresh paper, of the books deposited, which he caused to be bound up with the other two parts in Prince's hand; and they together now form one volume, and the outside of the cover is labelled: "Prince's Catalogues of New England Books and Tracts." — Eds.

* Charles Botta was the author of a "History of the War of Independence of the United States of America." It was first published in Italian, under the title, "Storia della guerra dell' indipendenza degli Stati-Uniti d' America. *Parigi: Colas.* 1809. Four volumes in-8." It was translated into English by George Alexander Otis, Esq., and published in Philadelphia, in 1820, in three volumes. Other editions of this translation followed. Botta's history, at the time it was written, and for a long time afterward, was regarded as superior to any other work on the same subject. It was highly commended by Mr. Jefferson. — Eds.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1821.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Jan. 25, 1821, the members present were, — Davis, Lowell, Mitchell, Savage, Shaw, and T. L. Winthrop.

Judge DAVIS, from the Committee appointed to attend the centenary celebration at Plymouth, and to express to the Pilgrim Society the congratulations of this Society on that interesting occasion, reported that the Committee had performed the duty assigned them.

Voted, That a copy of the Collections be presented to the Pilgrim Society.

Mr. TYNG having procured for the Society, from Mr. Hayes, the possessor, the manuscript of Washington's Address to the officers of the American army in 1783;

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary present the thanks of the Society to Mr. Tyng, and through him to Mr. Hayes, for this valuable document; that it be placed among the manuscripts, and not be taken from the Library but with the consent of the Society.*

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to defray the expense which has accrued in binding the manuscript.

Voted, That the list of donations to the town of Boston after the passing of the Boston Port Bill, communicated by Mr. Savage, be referred to the Publishing Committee.

Voted, That Alden Bradford, Esq., be requested to prepare a memoir on the late Hon. Joshua Thomas for the Collections.†

Hon. Jeremiah Mason, of Portsmouth, was nominated a Corresponding Member of the Society by the President.

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* This was the original manuscript of Washington's Newburg Address, March 15, 1783. It was published in heliotype *fac-simile* by the Society in 1876. — EDS.

† Mr. Thomas, elected a member in October, 1808, died Jan. 10, 1821. Mr. Bradford's memoir of him is in 2 Collections, X. 1-6. — EDS.

ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1821.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, April 26, 1821, — the members present were, Clap, Davis, Everett, Gray, Hedge, Holmes, Harris, Lowell, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shaw, Tudor, Webster, J. Winthrop, T. L. Winthrop, Merrill, and Mitchell.

Hon. JOHN DAVIS	was chosen	President.
CHARLES LOWELL	"	Recording Secretary.
ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	"	Corresponding Secretary.
JAMES SAVAGE, Esq.	"	Treasurer.
ELISHA CLAP, Esq.	"	Librarian.
REDFORD WEBSTER, Esq. . .	"	Cabinet-Keeper.
Hon. JAMES WINTHROP Dr. FREEMAN T. L. WINTHROP, Esq. Rev. JOHN PIERCE WILLIAM TUDOR, Esq.	. . were chosen	Standing Committee.

R. Webster, Esq., and F. C. Gray, Esq., were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Mr. Clap, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Savage were appointed a committee to procure the pamphlets, which are sorted and are entered in the Catalogue, to be bound.

Hon. Jeremiah Mason was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Hon. Daniel Webster, Rev. William Jenks, and James Bowdoin, Esq., were nominated Resident Members.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Aug. 27, 1821, — the members present were, Bradford, Clap, Davis, Hale, Harris, Holmes, Lowell, Merrill, Prince, Ripley, Savage, Saltonstall, Shaw, Tucker, Webster, T. L. Winthrop, and T. Pickering (Corresponding).

Hon. Daniel Webster, Rev. William Jenks, and James Bowdoin, Esq., were chosen Resident Members.

Gamaliel Bradford, Esq., was chosen on the Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, in the place of Mr. Gray, absent. The Committee made the following report: —

The subscribers, a Committee appointed by the Historical Society to examine the accounts of James Savage, Esq., their Treasurer, having duly proceeded therein, find the accounts are correctly cast and well vouched, and that in the hands of the Treasurer remains the balance of one hundred and seventy-three dollars and thirty-two cents.

R. Webster.
G. Bradford.

The report was accepted.

The President communicated a letter from Dudley A. Tyng, Esq., relative to collecting memoirs of the graduates of Harvard College. Committed to Mr. Tyng, Mr. Savage, Dr. Harris, Mr. W. Winthrop, and Dr. Holmes, to report at the next meeting.*

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* The following is Mr. Tyng's letter:—

"Boston, 28th August, 1821.

"Dear Sir, — I have lately observed in the public papers several suggestions on the subject of collecting memoirs of the graduates at Harvard College.

Dr. HOLMES, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. SAVAGE, and Mr. NICHOLS were chosen, by ballot, the Publishing Committee.

Dr. PRINCE was excused from serving on the Committee for taking the height of Beacon Hill.

Mr. WEBSTER, Mr. GRAY, and Mr. SNELLING were appointed to confer with the proprietors of the Boston Library relative to closing the Arch.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Oct. 25, 1821, — the members present were, Clap, Davis, Eliot, Freeman, Gray, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Pierce, Savage, Shaw, R. Webster.

A map of Rochester, by Mr. Holmes, with several communications by the Corresponding Secretary, were referred to the Publishing Committee.

FRANCIS C. GRAY, Esq., was chosen on the Standing Committee in the place of James Winthrop, Esq., deceased.

Whether any measures have been actually commenced in relation to this object I know not. If not, the sooner a beginning is made the better: the task is every day growing more difficult. It seems naturally to come within the purposes for which the Historical Society was instituted. If a committee of the Society could be selected who would undertake the collecting, arranging, and perhaps publishing from time to time, such memorials as may yet be obtained, much might be effected.

"I submit this suggestion to your consideration, being, with great regard, your faithful friend and servant,

"DUDLEY A. TYNG.

"Hon. J. DAVIS, President of the
Massachusetts Historical Society." EDS.

Voted, That Alden Bradford, Esq., be requested to prepare a memoir of Judge Winthrop for the Collections.*

The Committee on the subject of collecting memoirs of the graduates of Harvard College reported progress, and obtained leave to continue their attention to that object.

The aid of the Society having been requested in publishing an additional volume of Hutchinson's History, which is in the possession of the Hutchinson family in Great Britain, —

Voted, That the President, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Holmes, Mr. Savage, and Mr. Gray be a committee to take the subject into consideration, and adopt such measures as they shall deem expedient.

Voted, That Dr. Freeman, Mr. Clap, and Mr. Merrill be requested to prepare the index for the second series of the Collections, and that the Publishing Committee reserve as much space in the tenth volume for its insertion, and any additional matter, as the first-named committee shall deem sufficient.

Rev. Henry Ware, Jr., was nominated a Resident Member, by the Standing Committee; Nathaniel A. Haven, Jr., Esq., of Portsmouth, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Merrill; Mr. John Farmer, by Dr. Freeman; and Sir Walter Scott, by Mr. Savage.

Meeting dissolved.

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* Hon. James Winthrop, one of the original members of the Society, died Sept. 26, 1821. Mr. Bradford's memoir of him is in 2 Collections, X. 77–80. — Eds.

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Meeting dissolved.

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QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1822.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Jan. 31, 1822, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Clap, Coolidge, J. Davis, Freeman, Hedge, Holmes, Lowell, Merrill, Pickering, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Shaw, Tudor. R. Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

Rev. HENRY WARE, of Boston, was chosen a Resident Member. NATHANIEL A. HAVEN, Jr., Esq., of Portsmouth, JOHN FARMER, Esq.,* of Amherst, New Hampshire, and Sir WALTER SCOTT † were chosen Corresponding Members.

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* In a letter to Dr. Lowell, the Recording Secretary, of date July 24, 1822, acknowledging his election, Mr. Farmer says: —

"The distinguished reputation of the Massachusetts Historical Society is known by all lovers of curious research and inquiry throughout our country. Being the first association that was formed in the Union for the purpose of collecting and multiplying documents relating to American history, it is entitled to the highest praise, and deserves the greatest public encouragement. Though the volumes of its Collections have hitherto been principally confined to its members, it is gratifying to learn that their circulation is becoming more extended, and will, most probably, hereafter be eagerly sought after by the American historian and antiquarian. With this you will receive a pamphlet containing a tribute to the memory of Dr. Belknap, to whom our State is indebted for its history, and Massachusetts for its Historical Society. I am informed that this eminent man left a manuscript history of the church of which he was pastor, and I have some hopes of obtaining a copy of it." — EDS.

† A letter from Sir Walter Scott, acknowledging his election, is on file, and is copied below. It bears no date of year, and is addressed to the Recording Secretary, Dr. Lowell, in answer to a letter from him. Dr. Lowell appears to have frequently performed the duties which usually devolved upon the Corresponding Secretary. A former letter to Sir Walter, notifying him of his election, may have been sent, and may never have come to hand. The letter which follows was filed with letters bearing a later date than the year of Sir Walter's election: —

"SIR, — I am honored with your obliging letter. I certainly was not aware of the honor done me by the Historical Society of Massachusetts in electing me one of their members. Their plan and purpose seem highly honorable to themselves, and likely to be permanently useful to their country. It is not

JAMES BOWDOIN, Esq., was added to the Committee for preparing the index for the tenth volume of the Collections.*

Voted, That the President be allowed to take from the Library the volume of the Trumbull papers which contains the letters from General Washington, for the perusal of His Excellency the Governor.

Voted, That the following named books be received from the Rev. William Jenks in lieu of his admission money: viz., Précis sur l'Amérique, 8vo; Cotton's Works, two volumes, 4to; Johnson's Christian Plea; Cawdrey against Cotton and Hooker, 4to; Conduite des François, 12mo; Nortoni Responsio, 12mo; Robinson's Tracts, 4to; Adams's Tracts, 8vo; and Mather's Tract on Ministry.

William Jones Spooner, Esq., and Rev. Ezra S. Goodwin were nominated Resident Members by the Standing Committee; and Fred. Adelung, of Petersburg, a Corresponding Member by Mr. Pickering.

Voted, That a copy of the Collections be presented to the Advocates' Library in Edinburgh, through Sir Walter Scott.

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very likely, considering the pressure of other avocations, the indolence of advancing age, and my natural dislike to correspondence of every kind, I can ever hope to testify my gratitude to the Society for the honor they have done me, otherwise than by the thanks which I hope you will have the goodness to communicate to them. But I hope the sincerity of these thanks will make some amends.

"I beg you at the same time to accept of my best acknowledgments for the trouble which you have taken in my behalf, and for the opportunity which your kindness has given me to express my gratitude to the Historical Society of Massachusetts for the distinction they have been pleased to confer on me, being, with respect, your obliged and obedient servant,

"WALTER SCOTT.

"ABBOTSFORD, MELROSE, August 25.

"Should the Society be desirous of procuring transcriptions of any papers or records which may be preserved in Scotland, I would be most happy to further their wishes, on being made acquainted with them.

"CHARLES LOWELL, D.D., Boston,
North America."

EDS.

* Mr. Bowdoin prepared the chronological table, and rendered important assistance in preparing the index for this series. — EDS.

Mr. COOLIDGE and Mr. MERRILL were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Meeting adjourned to the house of the President.*

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1822.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, April 25, 1822, —

HON. JOHN DAVIS	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
CHARLES LOWELL	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES SAVAGE, ESQ.	"	TREASURER.
ELISHA CLAP, ESQ.	"	LIBRARIAN.
REDFORD WEBSTER, ESQ. . .	"	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES FREEMAN, D.D. THOMAS L. WINTHROP, ESQ. REV. JOHN PIERCE WILLIAM TUDOR, ESQ. FRANCIS C. GRAY, ESQ.	were chosen	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. GRAY was appointed on the Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, in the place of Mr. Coolidge.

The said Committee made the following report, viz: —

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Historical Society to examine the accounts of James Savage, Esq., their Treasurer, having duly proceeded therein, find the accounts well kept, correctly cast, and properly vouched, and further

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* The Rev. Stephen Palmer, elected a member in August, 1816, died Oct. 31, 1821. A notice of him by the Rev. H. M. Dexter, D.D., will be found on pp 343–345. — EDS.

report that there is remaining in his hands a balance of one hundred and fifty-six dollars and seventy-nine cents.

(Signed) JAMES C. MERRILL } *Committee.*
FRANCIS C. GRAY }

Mr. PIERCE, Dr. HOLMES, and Mr. JENKS were appointed a committee to publish five hundred copies of the original Circular Letter of the Society, with such alterations and additions as they may think proper.

Voted, That Benjamin R. Nichols, Esq., be requested to cause the whole, or a part, at his discretion, of the Hutchinson papers to be bound, and in such a manner as he may think proper.*

Voted, To permit the passage under the Arch leading to this room to be altered in conformity with the other side, provided it be done without expense to the Society.

Voted, That a set of the Collections, commencing with the second series, be presented to Mrs. Hannah Crocker, to be continued during her life, it being in consideration of her having deposited with the Society a valuable portion of the Mather Library.

The Librarian, Dr. HARRIS, and Mr. JENKS were appointed a committee to select such pamphlets in the Library as they may think proper, and cause them to be bound.

WILLIAM JONES SPOONER, Esq., and the Rev. EZRA S. GOODWIN were elected Resident Members, and FREDERICK ADELUNG, of Petersburg, a Corresponding Member, of the Society.

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* Mr. Nichols caused three volumes of papers to be bound, and lettered "Hutchinson Papers." These volumes were, many years afterward, claimed by the State, on the plea that the papers deposited with the Society by Mr. Secretary Bradford had been the property of the State, and that the State had never, by any act of its own, parted with the property. The volumes are now at the State House. See, in reference to the "Hutchinson Papers" claim, the index to Proceedings from 1869 to 1875, inclusive. — EDS.

William Lee, Esq., of Washington, was nominated a Corresponding Member by Mr. Tudor.

Meeting dissolved.

[Two Resident Members died since the last annual meeting: viz., James Winthrop and Stephen Palmer. A memoir of the latter never having been printed in the Collections, is here supplied. — Eds.]

Notice of Rev. Stephen Palmer.

Rev. Stephen Palmer was the third son and fifth child of Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Sarah (Eames) Palmer, and was born at Norton, Massachusetts, Oct. 3, 1766. His father was the sixth and youngest child of Stephen Palmer, of Cambridge (son of Stephen, of Cambridge; former residence not ascertained), who graduated from Harvard College, 1747; was settled over the First Congregational Church in Norton, Jan. 3, 1753; received A.M. from Harvard and Yale, 1753; and died at Norton, April 4, 1791.

Stephen suffered much from feeble health in his early years. Two or three times it was thought that he could not long survive, and once it was supposed that he was dead. When sixteen years of age, he met with an accident which badly fractured his arm, and, possibly through imperfect surgical attendance, he was left, after recovery, with a stiff elbow. These physical misfortunes, which stood in the way of his gaining a competent livelihood by manual labor, induced his father to consent to, and counsel, his procurement of a liberal education. He commenced fitting for college in the spring of 1784, under the instruction of Mr. H. Townsend, at Wrentham, Massachusetts; finished his preparatory studies with Rev. Jason Haven, of Dedham, Massachusetts; entered Harvard in 1785; and, passing respectably, and without stain

upon his character, through college, graduated in 1789. Returning to his father's house, he studied theology at home, until his father's death in the spring of 1791. In the following July, he preached his first sermon in the pulpit of his uncle, Rev. John Ellis, who had married his father's sister, Bethiah, and was then settled at Rehoboth, Massachusetts. Soon after, he preached as a candidate at Attleborough, Massachusetts, and was invited to settle there, but declined. Subsequently, he supplied the place left vacant by his father at Norton, and was heard at Needham, Massachusetts, where he received again an invitation to become pastor, which, after two months of deliberation, he accepted. His ordination was appointed for October 17, following; but, the small-pox raging then in the town, the solemnity did not take place until Nov. 7, 1792.

He continued the relation thus formed until his death, which occurred Oct. 31, 1821, just thirty years and a single day after the date when he preached for the first time to that people. His death was caused by paralysis, which laid him aside from active labor during the last two years which he lived. His funeral sermon was preached by Rev. John White, of Dedham, third parish, and was published.

Mr. Palmer was reputed an excellent Christian minister, greatly beloved by his people while he lived, and deeply lamented by them when he died.

He married, May 22, 1794, Catherine, only daughter of Rev. Mr. Haven, of Dedham, with whom he had completed his preparation for college, and had four children.

He published, as follows: —

1. Sermon occasioned by the Death of Calvin Whiting, A.M., of Needham. 8vo, pp. 20. 1795.
2. Sermon delivered at Rowley, second parish, June 7, 1797, at the Ordination of Rev. Isaac Braman. 8vo, pp. 36. 1797.
3. Sermon occasioned by the Death of Mr. Jeremiah Fuller, who died April 19, 1798. 8vo, pp. 28. 1798.
4. Sermon: Christ's Washing his Disciples' Feet, intended for a Sacramental Washing, at Needham, Jan. 24, 1808. 8vo, pp. 40. 1808.

5. Sermon delivered at Mansfield, July 31, 1808, being the fourth Lord's Day after the Interment of Rev. Roland Green. 8vo, pp. 32. 1808.
6. Sermon occasioned by the Deaths of Amos and Sarah Fuller, May 17 and 21, 1810. 8vo, pp. 20. 1810.
7. Dedication Sermon, Dover, June 11, 1811: The Glory of the Second Temple greater than that of the First. 8vo, pp. 30. 1811.
8. A Century Sermon, delivered in Needham, Nov. 16, 1811. 8vo, pp. 44. 1811.
9. Sermon delivered in Needham, March 22, 1812, occasioned by the Death of Rev. Messrs. Sears, Caryl, and Chickering. 8vo, pp. 24. 1812.
10. Sermon delivered, Oct. 22, 1812, at the Interment of Rev. Thomas Thacher, Dedham. 8vo, pp. 26. 1812.
11. Sermon occasioned by the Death of Colonel William McIntosh, who died Jan. 3, 1813. 8vo, pp. 22. 1813.
12. Sermon preached before the Military Company of Exempts, Needham, Nov. 17, 1814. With Constitution. 8vo, pp. 20. 1814.
13. Sermon at Needham, March 19, 1813: The Early Example of Christ to be imitated by Children. 12mo, pp. 32. 1815.
14. Sermon occasioned by the Death of Mr. Paul Alden, who died Dec. 3, 1815. 8vo, pp. 20. 1816.
15. Sermon delivered in Needham, first parish, the Lord's Day after the Interment of Mrs. Lydia Fairbanks, who died March 14, 1816. 8vo, pp. 16. 1816.
16. Mr. Palmer also delivered the Right Hand of Fellowship at the Ordination of Rev. Thomas Noyes, at Needham, July 10, 1799, and the Charge at the Ordination of the Rev. Alvan Lamson, at Dedham, Oct. 29, 1813, both of which were published.
17. The "American Quarterly Register" (VIII. 53) credits Mr. Palmer with another Right Hand and Charge, as published; and with having issued a "Revision of Watts's Psalms and Hymns, with Occasional Hymns, 1811." But these we have not seen. With this exception, his publications are all in the Society's Library.

Mr. Palmer was elected a Resident Member of the Society, Aug. 27, 1816. H. M. D.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Aug. 27, 1822, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Clap, J. Davis, Freeman, Gray, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Pierce, Ripley, Shaw, and T. L. Winthrop.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to George W. Erving, Esq., for his valuable donation of medals commemorative of events during the American Revolution.

A list of donations was exhibited by the Corresponding Secretary.

Voted, That a complete set of the Collections be presented to the Boston Athenæum.

WILLIAM LEE, Esq., of Washington, was elected a Corresponding Member.

Admiral ISAAC COFFIN was nominated a Corresponding Member by Dr. Freeman.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary address a letter to Admiral Coffin, requesting his kind offices in procuring the Hutchinson papers for the Society, and that Dr. Freeman be requested to see him on the same subject.*

GEORGE W. ERVING, Esq., was nominated a Corresponding Member by Mr. T. L. Winthrop.†

Meeting dissolved.

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* By "Hutchinson papers" was intended the third volume in manuscript. — EDS.

† Mr. James Perkins, a Resident Member, died Aug. 1, 1822. He was elected a Corresponding Member in May, 1792, while residing at Cape François, in the island of San Domingo; and, having returned to Boston, he was, March 25, 1796, requested by the Society, through the Corresponding Secretary, by a letter on file, to take his place among the Resident Members. In the first printed list of members, therefore, appended to the fifth volume of Collections, the name of James Perkins, of Boston, appears as a Resident Member. In a list of members prefixed to Vol. I., fourth series, prepared by our late associate, Dr. Shurtleff, in 1853, Mr. Perkins's name is placed on the Corresponding Roll, probably for the reason that Dr. Shurtleff saw that Mr. Perkins was originally elected a Corresponding Member, and that the Recording Secretary's records are silent as to the transference of his name to the other list, — Dr. Belknap's letter to him, dated March 28, 1796, being the only contemporary evidence of his election as a Resident Member, or of the transference of his name as stated.

A memoir of Mr. Perkins by his grandson, Mr. Charles C. Perkins, will be found on pp. 353–368. — EDS.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Oct. 31, 1822, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Bradford, Davis, Freeman, Hale, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Pierce, W. J. Spooner, Tudor, R. Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

Admiral ISAAC COFFIN and GEORGE W. ERVING, Esq., were elected Corresponding Members.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested to procure an examination of the library of the late Lieutenant-Governor Phillips, and to obtain for the Society such books and pamphlets relating to the history of this country as they may think proper.

A list of persons in New Hampshire, who had attained to the age of one hundred years and upwards, was presented by Mr. JOHN FARMER, and referred to the Publishing Committee, to be inserted in the next volume.*

Voted, That Mr. Tyng be a committee to procure a copy of the chart of Merrimac River, taken by Holland and his company, which is now in the Marine Insurance Office at Newburyport, provided it can be done without expense to the Society.†

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* Farmer's list of centenarians was published in 2 Collections, X. 176–180, and was continued in 3 Collections, I. 155–158. It must have been quite impossible for Mr. Farmer to have investigated the claim of this large number of persons to have arrived at the great age indicated. — EDS.

† The success of Mr. Tyng's application is shown by a reference to the list of donations acknowledged in 3 Collections, I. 297, where is entered, "MS. Map of Merrimack River (original), taken a short time before the American Revolution, by survey of Grant and Wheeler, under the direction of Holland, by order of the British Government. D. A. Tyng, Esq."

The Society has a large map corresponding to the above description, entitled as follows: —

"A Plan of the Sea Coast from Rye Ledge to the West End of Cape Ann Harbor, and the River Merrimack from its mouth to Litchfield Meeting-house. As surveyed by Messrs. Grant and Wheeler, Deputy-Surveyors to Samuel

John Lowell, Esq., was nominated a Resident Member by the Standing Committee.*

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1823.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Jan. 30, 1823, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Clap, Coolidge, Davis, Freeman, Gray, Hale, Harris, Hedge, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Mitchell, Pickering, Pierce, Ripley, Shaw, Tudor, Ware, and R. Webster.

JOHN LOWELL, Esq., was elected a Resident Member.

A communication from an Historical Society lately formed at Brunswick, in the State of Maine, was committed to Messrs. SAVAGE, LOWELL, CLAP, HARRIS, and BOWDOIN, to consider the expediency of complying with the request contained in that communication; and, if in their opinion expedient, to report a list of such books and pamphlets in our Library as may be presented to said Society.

Voted, That the stated meetings of this Society, in future, with the exception of the meeting in August, be held at twelve o'clock M.; the meeting in August to be holden at four o'clock P.M., as heretofore.

Holland, Esq., His Majesty's Surveyor-General of Lands for the Northern District of North America, &c., &c., &c."

In one corner of the map the following is written: —

"N. B. This plan was presented to sundry gentlemen at Newburyport by Mr. Holland, surveyor, &c., for which a gratuity was made by those gentlemen. Their names, as recollected by one of the subscribers many years after subscription, are Patrick Tracy, Thomas Woodbridge, Tristram Dalton, John Lowell, Stephen Hooper, Jonathan Jackson, and Nathaniel Tracy, all at that time resident in Newburyport." — EDS.

* Professor Peck, who was chosen a member of the Society in 1792, died Oct. 3, 1822. Notices of him by several writers are in 2 Collections, X. 161-170. — EDS.

Voted, That Mr. Tyng be requested to prepare a memoir of Mr. Peck;* Mr. Tudor, of Mr. Perkins;† Mr. Eliot, of Dr. Rand;‡ and Dr. Harris, of Mr. Palmer,§ — lately deceased members of this Society.

Voted, That the communication from a Geographical Society in France be committed to the President, to report at the next meeting; and, in the mean time, if convenient, to acknowledge the receipt of it.

Voted, That the assessments due from the late Mr. Palmer be remitted.

Voted, That President Kirkland be requested to prepare a biographical notice of the late Ebenezer Parsons, Esq.¶

Voted, That all past fines which may have been incurred for the detention of books beyond the legal time be remitted.

Voted, That the President and Standing Committee be a committee to revise the laws, particularly those relating to the Library, and report such alterations as they may think expedient.

Voted, That all books be returned one week, at least, before the annual meeting.

Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Hale were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Theodore Lyman, Jr., Esq., was nominated a Resident Member by the Standing Committee.

Meeting dissolved.

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* See note on p. 348. — Eds.

† Mr. Tudor did not write the memoir of Mr. Perkins assigned to him. See note on p. 346. — Eds.

‡ Mr. Eliot failed to prepare the memoir assigned to him. A notice of Dr. Rand, furnished by Dr. S. A. Green, will be found at p. 368 of this volume. — Eds.

§ Dr. Harris failed to discharge this duty. A notice of Mr. Palmer by Rev. Dr. H. M. Dexter will be found at pp. 339–341 of this volume. — Eds.

¶ President Kirkland also failed to write the memoir assigned to him. See p. 287, note †. — Eds.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1823.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, April 24, 1823, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Coolidge, Davis, Freeman, Gray, Hale, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Shaw, Spooner, Spooner, R. Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

HON. JOHN DAVIS	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
CHARLES LOWELL	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES SAVAGE, ESQ.	"	TREASURER.
REV. WILLIAM JENKS	"	LIBRARIAN.
REDFORD WEBSTER, ESQ. . .	"	CABINET-KEEPER.

JAMES FREEMAN, D.D.
THOS. L. WINTHROP, ESQ.
REV. JOHN PIERCE
WILLIAM TUDOR, ESQ.
FRANCIS C. GRAY, ESQ.
} were chosen STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the communication from the Historical Society in Maine made the following report: —

The Committee to whom was referred the letter from the Historical Society in the State of Maine, having attended to the subject submitted to them, beg leave to report that, upon examining the books belonging to the Library marked as duplicates, they find that they are such as the Society have been in the habit of exchanging for other books and publications; and, as this kind of barter has always been considered as not only an accommodation, but of particular utility to this Society, your Committee judge that it would be best to retain them for that purpose. Your Committee have been able to select but few *triplicates*, and these are too inconsiderable for a donation.

We recommend, however, the presenting a set of the Society's publications to the Historical Society in Maine.

(Signed) CHAS. LOWELL.
E. CLAP.
T. M. HARRIS.

Accepted.

The President, to whom was referred the letter from a Geographical Society in France, made the following report: —

The Société de Géographie of Paris was instituted in November, 1821. The object of the Society is expressed in the first article of the Constitution, — to aid in the advancement of geography, to promote travels to unexplored regions, to award prizes, to keep up a correspondence with learned societies, travellers, and geographers, to publish their works, and to procure the engraving of charts.*

The Marquis de la Place is President of the Society, and Viscount de Chateaubriand is one of the Vice-Presidents. Among the officers and in the list of members we notice some of the most respectable literary characters of France.

The papers transmitted to our Society are the Constitution of the Geographical Society; prizes announced for the year 1822; and a letter, dated the 20th of March, 1822, expressing the purposes and views of the Society, inviting a correspondence, and indicating the subjects on which information would be acceptable.

The reporter would submit to the Society a consideration of the expediency of appointing a committee to prepare an answer to this communication, and to procure such publications, having connection with geographical knowledge, as may be proper for the Society to transmit with their reply to the communication received.

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* See Bulletin de la Société de Géographie. Tome premier, p. 3. Paris 1822. — EDS.

The inquiry is also suggested whether it be not advisable to render this subject a distinct branch of attention by our Society, by the appointment of a committee of the Society for the purpose, as the American Philosophical Society have successfully practised with history. Such a committee might receive associates from the Society or from the community at large; and, a convenient place of deposit being established in Boston, there is reason to believe that the intelligence and activity of our merchants, sea captains, and supercargoes would supply such a deposit with a very respectable and useful collection of charts, journals, and other valuable geographical documents.

All which is submitted. J. DAVIS, *Committee.*

In pursuance of the recommendation in the above report, the President was requested to prepare an answer to the Society, stating what had been done by this Society, and expressing our cordiality.

Messrs. HALE, GRAY, and BOWDOIN were appointed a committee to procure publications to be transmitted with the letter of the President.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts reported that they had found the same well kept, correctly cast, and well vouched, and that the balance in his hands is two hundred and forty-seven dollars and twenty-nine cents.

Messrs. JENKS, LOWELL, SAVAGE, and SPOONER, Jr., were appointed a committee to prepare the first volume of the third series of the Collections.

Messrs. NICHOLS, MERRILL, SPOONER, Jr., and BOWDOIN to prepare an index to the third series.

Messrs. JENKS, HALE, and CLAP were appointed a committee to select and sort for binding such tracts and

pamphlets as they may judge suitable; and to procure to be bound all the newspapers in the possession of the Society which were published previous to the American Revolution.

THEODORE LYMAN, Jr., Esq., was unanimously chosen a Resident Member.

Meeting dissolved.

[Three Resident Members died since the last annual meeting, — James Perkins, W. D. Peck, and Isaac Rand. Notices of Professor Peck have already appeared in the Collections. Memoirs of Mr. Perkins and Dr. Rand here follow. — EDS.]

Memoir of James Perkins.

James Perkins, who was born in Boston on the 30th of March, 1761, was the eldest son of James, the grandson of Edmund Perkins and Susannah, daughter of Francis Hudson. His mother, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Handasyd Peck, was a woman of remarkable energy and ability. Left a widow, with five daughters and three sons, James, Thomas Handasyd, and Samuel, in 1771, she took her husband's place in the counting-house, actively participated in its affairs, and was so far recognized as a partner that business letters were sometimes addressed to her from Holland with a masculine prefix. She is mentioned in the memoir of Thomas Handasyd Perkins (written by his son-in-law, Mr. Thomas G. Cary) as an active member of many charitable associations in her native city; and a vote passed by the officers of the Boston Female Asylum, which was the special object of her care, is there recorded, to wear a badge of mourning for seventy-one days after her death in 1807, "in token of their high consideration and respect for the virtues of the deceased."

Up to the time of the so-called "Boston Massacre," Mrs. Perkins lived with her children in a house on King, now State, Street, but when it became evident that Boston was to be besieged, she determined to quit the city. The question as to where she should take refuge was happily set at rest by her friend, Squire Bacon, of Barnstable, who, in answer to a letter which she wrote for advice, said: "Come to me. I have a large house, with twenty rooms in it, where you will be warmly welcomed, and find a safe asylum." Having accepted this hospitable invitation, Mrs. Perkins and her family made their way to the Cape at some time between April and June, 1775, during which months, as stated by the Rev. George E. Ellis, D.D., in his chronicle of the siege, no less than twelve out of the seventeen thousand inhabitants of Boston left the city. The same gentleman affirms that, after the evacuation, the exiled inhabitants do not seem as a body to have made great haste to come back to it, "as it was still a place of peril from a vengeful enemy, from disease, and from possible lawlessness."

So long as it remained in this condition, Boston was not a fit place of residence for a widow with young children, and Mrs. Perkins wisely remained at Barnstable until order and health were restored. After her return to town, she found abundant occupation in directing the affairs of her household and the education of her sons and daughters. It was her wish to give to the first the advantages of a collegiate education, but the circumstances of the time made it seem more prudent to fit them to be merchants, and they successively entered the counting-house of the Messrs. Shattuck.

James began business as a merchant, about 1782, at Cape François, in the island of San Domingo, and afterward established a house there in partnership with his two brothers. He spent a portion of the year 1786 at home, and then married Miss Sarah Paine, daughter of Judge Timothy Paine, of Worcester. From this time until peace and prosperity were

destroyed by the insurrection of the slaves in the West Indies, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins resided there with Mr. Samuel Perkins, who has recorded the events of those troublous times in a very interesting Diary, written long afterward, at the request of Mr. Franklin Dexter. The following extracts, made from a copy of this Diary in the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society, refer to his brother's experiences on the breaking out of the insurrection in the year 1791: —

"My brother James," says the author, "was then on a visit, with his wife and child, to the Marquis de Rouvry, at his plantation, near Fort Dauphin. The following account, taken from his widow lady, who is still living, may be depended on as fact: —

"'We had been passing the day,' says Mrs. Perkins, 'with the Comte d'Hautoul, on his plantation, and on our return home we had engaged to dine with the Marchioness D'., where we arrived a short time before the hour of dinner, from whence we went forward to the estate of M. Obeluc, who was the procurator of the Plantation Galifet, when the insurrection broke out where he resided. There were in company with us M. Henri de Bellerive and his lady and child, who also came from the Comte d'Hautoul's. When we arrived at the Plantation Rouvry, we were received by a person who informed us that Madame had gone to a neighboring plantation, but that she expected us to dinner, and would be at home in season. When the lady arrived, she informed us that the whole country was in revolt; that she had been to make inquiries, and had ascertained the fact; that as yet the accounts had not reached her slaves, but it was to be feared that they would soon know what was going on, as there was general alarm, and people were flying in all directions. A council was held as to what course we had best pursue, and it was determined that we should all leave the plantation that night at twelve o'clock for Fort Dauphin. In the evening, a slave passed through the estate, and gave the information to the negroes of the Marchioness, that these fellows were burning and destroying every thing. This was soon known to us by the change of manners among the slaves, who showed their insolence and bravado by their noise and general deportment. We sat down to dinner, however, from a rich service of plate, but we ate nothing to speak of, and the dinner was soon over, and had been passed in silence and gloom. Madame de Rouvry had in her family, then at home, her daughter, a beautiful girl of sixteen; a young lady, her

instructress; and a lady who had escaped from one of the neighboring estates that afternoon. The Marquis was in the mountains on business. The lady packed up her plate, and the carriages were ordered, just before twelve o'clock, to be got ready and brought to the door. There were evident marks of discontent in the faces of the servants, and some money was necessary to bribe the driver of our carriage to harness his horses and get ready to start. At twelve o'clock, we started in three carriages. The Marchioness, her daughter, and instructress were in the first carriage, with the plate. Myself and child, with Madame de Rouvry and child, were in the second carriage; and Mr. Perkins, with the lady who had escaped as above stated, were in a phaeton; and Mr. Baury was on horseback. As we were apprehensive of being stopped, if we met any of the insurgents, the drivers were ordered to avoid a village which lay in our route; but before the intention was discovered, they had gone so far on the road that we could not turn back without showing them our fears, and it was judged better to let them go on. It had been agreed between Mr. Perkins and Mr. Baury, in case the drivers refused to go on, to put them to death, and to mount the horses and drive the carriages themselves. These gentlemen were both armed, and as all our lives depended on getting to the town, there was no other alternative. When we arrived at the village, the whole community of blacks were up and revelling, the houses filled with lights, the slaves howling and dancing throughout the place. On reaching the middle of the village, Madame de Rouvry's postilion drew up, and, of course, stopped the whole party. We had now no doubt that we were all lost, but it was necessary to keep silent as long as we could, for fear of alarming the blacks by whom we were surrounded, and who were evidently rejoicing over the events of the day. Madame de Rouvry, who was a woman of great courage, and who was much feared by her slaves, ordered the fellow to proceed instantly, or she would have him that moment punished in the severest manner. The man hesitated, but her voice, which he had been accustomed to obey, drove him from his purpose, and we proceeded through the hamlet so quickly that the insurgents, who were all in the houses, dancing and beating drums, never discovered us. The presence of M. Baury, who was on horseback, and armed with a sword, undoubtedly contributed to the decision of the postilion to go on, from fear of immediate death.'

"Had not this party arrived as they did at the Plantation Rouvry, there is no doubt the whole family would have been murdered, as they had no white man to protect them. They arrived, however, safely at

Fort Dauphin. about six o'clock in the morning, to the great surprise of the inhabitants. A gentleman of the place, to whose house they drove, assured them that the fear of the regular troops there was so great, that they could not be persuaded to march into the country even a few miles, such was the general consternation.

"A droger (*sic*) was procured, and the party went on board, and sailed for the Cape, a distance of about forty miles. Mrs. Perkins obtained a mattress, which was spread upon the ballast and stones of this vessel, where she and her child lay down to rest during the passage."

It is not mentioned in the Diary how long Mr. and Mrs. Perkins continued to reside at Cape François after their escape from the negroes, but the following passage shows that they were still there in 1793: —

"From the autumn of 1791 until the summer of 1793 the town of Cape François was besieged by the black army of revolted slaves, and frequent attacks were made on its outposts by the troops of Jean François. The inhabitants of the city were all, even to the foreign residents, obliged to keep a strict guard to prevent surprise. A guard-house was assigned to the Americans, who were obliged to keep a regular watch every night. The guard was commanded by my brother James, and I acted as his lieutenant. We drew our forces from the American shipping, as well as from the residents of the city. The arms and ammunition were kept at our house; and my brother, as captain, was accountable to the Governor or military commander."

This was not Mr. James Perkins's first military experience, for we learn from an obituary notice of him, published soon after his death, and reprinted in Mr. Quincy's "History of the Boston Athenæum," that, when he was a boy, he had "distinguished himself as the commander of a military company, composed of his playfellows, whose manœuvres attracted the notice of the officers of the British garrison, for their soldier-like precision; and," adds Mr. Quincy, "it is worthy of remark that many of the members of this youthful corps became officers of note and merit in the Revolutionary War." That the brothers Perkins were called upon to fill the respon-

sible positions of Captain and Lieutenant of the American "Corps de Garde" in a besieged town shows that they were regarded as men of energy and ability by their fellow-countrymen, who shared their anxieties and dangers.

Either before or after their return to Cape François, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins were saved from death by a faithful negro slave, whom they brought back with them to the United States. Moose, as he was called in the family, received his freedom; but the only use he ever wished to make of it was to spend it in loving service to his former master, and all who were connected with him. He was a great favorite with young and old; and no wonder, for, to the day of his death at an advanced age, their joys and sorrows were his own.

Actively engaged in commercial pursuits, and for many years a resident in a foreign country where books were not easily procured even in peaceful times, Mr. Perkins was throughout his life a constant reader. He was a bibliophile by nature, had a lively appreciation of niceties of style, and was especially well acquainted with the English classical writers. That his literary tastes were recognized at home, before his return from the West Indies, is proved by the action of the Massachusetts Historical Society, in electing him a Corresponding Member, on the 20th of May, 1792. In the records of the Society of that date, he is spoken of as "then of Cape François." Four years later, on the 25th of March, 1796, he was made a Resident Member, and was notified of the fact by the Secretary, through the following letter, extracted from the Letter-book of the Society: —

"To JAMES PERKINS, Esq., "BOSTON, March 28, 1796.

"SIR, — When the Historical Society elected you a Corresponding Member, they supposed your residence would have been the island of Hispaniola. I have it now in command from the Society, at a meeting held last week, to acquaint you that it will be agreeable to them that you should consider yourself a member, and take your place with them at all future meetings, of which you will receive due notice.

"Yours, &c., J. B., Corresponding Secretary."

After his return home, James Perkins and his brother, Thomas H. Perkins, became partners in one of the most important mercantile houses in the city, and were chiefly engaged in the trade to the North-west Coast and to Canton. While, as we find it stated in the obituary notice of Mr. James Perkins, already mentioned, "as great a portion of the trade with the first was probably conducted by the Messrs. Perkins as by any other house, it may, perhaps, be safely said that, down to the present time, no private commercial house in the world has been more extensively engaged in the trade to Canton." This extract should not be printed without another which testifies to the perfect integrity and high character of the deceased: —

"It is unnecessary to say that the point of view in which Mr. Perkins's character ought to be surveyed is that of an upright merchant. . . . In the long course of transactions, as numerous and as varied as an individual can easily be connected with, . . . not a shadow of suspicion of any thing derogatory to the highest and purest sense of honor and conscience ever attached to his conduct, and he may be quoted as one of the few who pass through life without spot or blemish."

The following letter from the Hon. George Bancroft to the writer of this memoir speaks of Mr. Perkins in the same strain of eulogy, and is here inserted by his kind permission: —

"WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 4, 1879.

"MY DEAR MR. PERKINS, — From my earliest years I was familiar with the family of your father's parents, and when in college was often made welcome at their family dinner. Mr. Perkins was then at the height of his position as a merchant of Boston. At the time when the people of New England were the most ready to devote themselves to navigation, the prohibitory laws of many of the nations of Europe fettered commerce so much that they found the whole earth not too large for their activity. Young men came from the best families, in near and even in remote country towns, and entered the service before the mast, with a prospect of promotion. The per-

mission given the sailor to take out a little 'venture,' as it was called, of his own, was usually rewarded with most lucrative results, — a profit of one hundred per cent in the voyage not being extraordinary. The ships that I knew most of went out laden with silver, and with goods for traffic with the Indians. They made their way round Cape Horn, and traded on the north-west coast from below the Columbia River as far north as Indian hunters with furs could be found. Small craft were taken round the Horn, so that they could make their way over bars and into the shallow rivers of the interior. When a cargo of furs was obtained, the ship sailed for Canton; and sometimes, before going home, carried on trading voyages between India and China. Sometimes they returned home by way of those few free ports in the north of the continent of Europe into which they were permitted to enter. By steadily carrying on this commerce, which needed a most enterprising, well balanced chief, with high powers of organization, and most faithful, intelligent, and thoroughly trusted officers to conduct the practical parts of the scheme, Mr. Perkins gained his great reputation and fortune.

"He was a man of grave and staid manners, but not stern. There was nothing about him that invited familiarity, but he was always faultlessly polite, and to me always very kind. You have his countenance very correctly given in the family portrait, which Stuart painted. It was not his way to volunteer advice. Once, and I am sorry to say once only, as we sat together after dinner (and I ever looked upon the incident as a particular manifestation of his good will), he turned to me with great seriousness, and spoke to me earnestly and at considerable length on the importance of my becoming well grounded in English literature, — a subject which, at that time, did not form a regular part of the college studies; and I very well remember that of two books to which he especially directed my attention as those which he would make the foundation of the course, one was the 'Lives of the Poets,' by Dr. Johnson; the other, I am sorry to say, I cannot recall with sufficient certainty to name it.

"Thus I answer your inquiries, and remain ever very faithfully yours, GEO. BANCROFT.

"C. C. PERKINS, Esq."

Public-spirited and charitable, Mr. Perkins administered his fortune in ways which still keep his memory fresh in the minds of his fellow-citizens. His donations to the General Hospital and to the Theological School of Cambridge, his

bequest to the University for the foundation of a Professorship of Mathematics, and, above all, the gift of his house on Pearl Street to the Trustees of the Boston Athenæum, where the Library remained until its growth and the growth of the city made it necessary to remove it to the present building on Beacon Street, are all instances of his wise beneficence and of his solicitude for the bodily and intellectual wants of the community in which he lived.

Having given up his dwelling to the Athenæum, Mr. Perkins built a house for himself, and one for his son, Mr. James Perkins, Jr., on the corner of Pearl and High Streets. In the year 1800, he bought an estate on Jamaica Pond, to which he gave the name of Pine Bank, and there he resided with his family during the summer months. In 1804, he went with his wife to Europe, and, while travelling, kept a careful diary of his experiences for the benefit of his son, whom he had left in America.

The following extracts from that portion of it which relates to his journey through Holland and Belgium to Paris, and to the first few weeks of his residence in the French capital, will suffice to show that he allowed nothing of interest to escape his observation. The historical, artistic, commercial, and political aspects of the countries which he visited, occupied his mind in turn, and the reflections which they suggested were recorded in a lucid and unpretentious style.

In his Essay on Travel, Lord Bacon says that "he who travelleth into a country before he hath some entrance into the language, goeth to school, and not to travel." Granting the truth of this aphorism, Mr. Perkins may be classed among the travellers, for he had not only mastered the French language during his long residence at Cape François, so as to read it with ease and converse in it fluently, but he spoke it with a remarkably good accent.

"ANTWERP, Sept. 22. The day has been employed in strolling about the city, and procuring our passports for Paris. The Cathedral

of Notre Dame is the most pre-eminent building in the city. We have only seen the exterior; to-morrow we propose attending the service. The steeple of the church is four hundred and sixty feet in height, light in its appearance, elegant in its architecture, and esteemed one of the finest spires in the world. The Descent from the Cross, by Rubens, once the boast of Antwerp, and the *chef d'œuvre* of the painter, has been transported from this church to the Louvre, in Paris.

"I am told," he writes on the 24th, "that it has lost half its effect in the Louvre, where the light cannot be so reflected as to exhibit all its perfections. The Antwerpers entertain a hope that the treasure will one day be restored to them."

This hope, as all the world knows, was realized after the fall of Napoleon. After Mr. Perkins's arrival in Paris, he saw Rubens's master-piece among the other art spoils of Europe, and, in referring to it, he indulges in certain reflections which are worth quoting, as showing his preference for the Realistic over the Ideal schools of painting: —

"I have passed," he writes, "a good part of several days in the grand gallery of the ancients, have attentively examined it alone, and have listened to the criticisms and idolatry of professional artists. It is with painting as with music: the more refined and scientific performances enrapture and delight the connoisseur, but the eye and the ear of the unfashioned novice are caught by the more simple and artless copies of nature. I have seen the first painting on earth — the Transfiguration by Raphael — with less emotion than the Descent by Rubens, or the more humble efforts of Gerard Dow. I have yet to learn what is called 'the poetry of the art,' but I fear that I shall never rise above the level of plain Flemish prose. In the latter I discern the great essential of poetry, — the most striking characteristic is truth; and I believe there are few real judges who will sustain that the paintings of Rubens or Rembrandt are destitute of imagination. The Italian school may be compared to a fine epic poem, — the 'Paradise Lost' of Milton; the Flemish, to the 'Deserted Village' or the 'Traveller' of Goldsmith, or, perhaps more consistently with my prosaic ideas, to the simple story of 'La Roche,' or 'Louisa' of Vernoni. The former abounds in subjects which are more sublime, but there is a *mélange* of angels and devils and saints, of which we can form no fixed idea and trace no resemblance, whereas the subjects of the latter

are generally drawn from nature, and are familiar to every one. I might, perhaps, have been more correct if I had likened the simplicity of the Flemish school to the schoolmistress of Shenstone, yet this comparison is too limited for the subject, as the composition and manner of the different artists are extremely various, some of them rising to the energy of Dryden's 'Alexander's Feast,' and others stooping to the vulgarity and caricature of Swift's dressing-room. If, however, there are many common and vulgar subjects among the Flemish paintings, it cannot be denied that they are well drawn, and it is not surprising that the unlearned observer should make profane and odious comparisons."

The route of the travellers from Antwerp to Paris lay through Malines and Brussels. From the latter city Mr. Perkins writes: —

"It would be folly to undertake a description of the works of art which so frequently present themselves in travelling through a country like France. Volumes would be required to do them justice. If you ever visit Brussels, follow our example, and devote a day to the palace of the Archduke. The apartments are numerous, extensive, and richly ornamented. The most remarkable piece of statuary is a Hercules, at the foot of the great staircase. There are four apartments filled with paintings. Among these are the Elevation of the Cross, by Vandyck; the Mutilation of St. Lieven (cutting out the tongue), by Rubens; Virgin, by Raphael; . . . the Martyrdom of St. Blaise, by Crayer, his last picture, painted when he was eighty-seven years of age. In the library there are said to be eighty thousand volumes. Here are a choice collection of manuscripts, and a small cabinet of natural history.

"Sept. 28. We started from Brussels this morning, and arrived at Mons about five, — the distance, thirty-five English miles. The road from Brussels to this place is almost a straight line, shaded by lofty trees, and running through a country beautifully diversified with hills and dales, all in the highest state of cultivation. I have heard this country compared to the environs of Boston, and there is certainly some degree of similitude in the ground. Should our neighborhood continue to advance in the same proportion as it has progressed during the last twenty years, in half a century the comparison may be more just. We have, however, some advantages of which this country

is destitute. It has no water prospect, and its rivers would be considered as mere streamlets in America.

"CAMBRAY, Sept. 29. . . . We stopped a half-hour to see the coal mines of Jemappes. Our postilion pointed out the ground of the celebrated action between the French and Austrians. On the left of the road is a range of hills; on the right, an extensive plain. These hills and this plain, which, eleven years ago, were covered with contending armies, and drenched by the blood of thirty thousand human beings, ravaged and desolated by the hand of war, are now teeming with abundant harvest, and exhibit no vestige of this scene of horror and desolation."

Having suffered from the exactions of the host at Cambray, "we determined in future to learn wisdom from experience, conquer the delicacy which had hitherto restrained us, and bargain with our host as with a Jew pedler. Accordingly, on our arrival at the Soleil d'Or, Chantilly, where we were immediately surrounded by every member of the family, I began my new system of economy, and agreed for our accommodation, or, rather, inquired the price before we alighted: but, unfortunately, my inquiries were too partial; they did not embrace all the items which are usually tacked on as extras to the bill of a French *aubergiste*. On these points I could afterwards say nothing. Our bill was still higher than the last; and I am now convinced that, having no skill to guard against their address, it is cheaper to commit one's self to their mercy than to contend with their talents.

"Oct. 2. From our last night's residence to Paris is about ten leagues. . . . It is now the heyday of the vintage, when every eye is lifted up in gratitude, when at each step music beats time to labor, and when the children of the village rejoice as they bend under the ripened clusters. . . . Never have we witnessed a more interesting sight than the various groups of jocund and happy peasants which thronged this scene of rural festivity."

It required some time for the travellers to recover from "their wonder and astonishment" after their arrival at Paris. Mr. Perkins successively describes the Louvre, the Palais Royal, the water-works at Marly, Malmaison, &c., and thus speaks of the Palais Royal: —

"It is said that there is no want, either natural or artificial, no appetite of the grosser or more refined order, no wish for the cultiva-

tion of the mind or the decoration of the body, no sensual or spiritual humor, which could not here find its gratification and perpetual variety. . . . This place is esteemed one of the greatest curiosities of Paris; it is the resort of the grave and the gay, the man of business and the lounger. . . . We have seen too little of this monster to be enabled to judge of its singular properties, and must, therefore, make it the subject of future remark."

Omitting many most interesting descriptions of museums, public institutions, and sights of all kinds, given in the Diary, I shall conclude with a few extracts from the pages devoted to the Abbé Sicard and his Deaf and Dumb Asylum.

"Nov. 13. We went yesterday to the National Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb. . . . This philanthropic establishment was set on foot by the Abbé l'Épée, and brought to its present state of perfection by the Abbé Sicard. I had no less a desire to see this great man than to witness the effects of his wonderful talents. This was one of his Monday lectures, to which all strangers may obtain admission, by making previous application and procuring tickets. In the exhibition room are seats arranged in the form of an amphitheatre, affording accommodation to about four hundred spectators.

"We fortunately obtained a front seat, and were so situated as to see and hear every thing which passed. At the appointed hour, the Abbé made his appearance.

"'I have been wanting,' said he, 'to introduce to you a new subject, almost an infant, a little savage, a block of unchipped marble, or, rather, a statue yet to be animated and endowed with intellect. He has received no instruction. I am ignorant of his capacity to imbibe it; but, as this will be our first experience, I am desirous you should witness at once our method and its effect. Poor child! I tremble for his fate. I shall soon be able to judge of his susceptibility, and determine the prospect of his future life.'

"The child was in the crowd, in the arms of his mother. His father, who sat by the side of them, with some difficulty, and the allurement of a bauble, drew him to the stage, on which the Abbé and several of his friends were seated. A large board, painted black, was fixed against the wall. One of the more forward of the pupils, the favorite child, the Benjamin of the venerable preceptor, was directed to begin his lesson of experiment. He drew with chalk on the board the form of a knife, a key, a pair of spectacles, a hat, and a cane. At

the foot of each drawing he placed the article it was designed to represent. The child was taken in the arms of his parent and carried to the board, and the figures shown to him. He regarded them at first with an air of indifference, but in a few moments smiled, clapped one hand to his head, and pointed at the same time with the other to the hat which had been drawn on the board.

"'Enough,' said the Abbé, 'the child may be snatched from the abyss of night, from that insulated and cheerless solitude in which thousands of his unhappy brethren are doomed to suffer.'

"This experiment happily completed, the salvation of the little subject pronounced by the Abbé, and confirmed by the plaudits of the audience, he proceeded to show how the names of the articles described by the painter are best impressed on the mind and memory of the pupil. The letters *c-a-n-n-e* are distinctly written on the figure of the cane, *c-h-a-p-e-a-u* on the hat, &c. These characters are left for the study of the pupil until they are fixed in his memory as other signs for the objects they express. The figures are then effaced, and the letters suffered to remain until they are perfectly understood. This is one of the introductory lessons to the art of reading and writing.

"After the child, the Abbé introduced a young man, to whom he communicated by signs certain newspaper paragraphs, which were correctly written on the blackboard before the audience.

"'Speaking of music,' said the Abbé, 'you no doubt recall the answer of the celebrated blind man, Sanderson, when he was asked to what he could liken the color of scarlet. He replied: "To the sound of a trumpet." A gentleman of great literary merit, who attended one of my lectures, desired me to ask of my pupil what was his conception of the sound of a trumpet. I remarked to him that the deaf could have no idea of sounds, that the question might excite uneasiness and embarrassment, which I always desired to avoid. He, however, persisted, and requested that the experiment might be made. I proposed it, and this was the answer: "I can explain my idea of the sound of the trumpet only by comparing it to those florid and effulgent rays which illuminate and adorn the horizon after the setting sun." . . . When asked what is eternity, he said: "It is a day without a yesterday or a to-morrow."'

After the young man had left the stage, the Abbé introduced a young deaf and dumb girl, "about fifteen years of age, of an interesting physiognomy, and dressed with extreme neatness." He then showed by various experiments how persons in her condition could be communicated with through what in our day is called *visible*

speech; and afterwards said: "The first impression which I endeavored to stamp on her infant mind *was the conception of a God.* In proportion as I advanced in my exertions, she became more and more transported, and when I at last fully succeeded in conveying an idea of the attributes and existence of our all-bounteous Parent, she threw herself on her knees, lifted her hands and eyes for a moment in an attitude of adoration, and then, springing from the ground, attempted to leave me. 'Whither are you going?' said I. 'To find my father and mother,' was the reply, '*and to tell them there is a God.*'"

After his return from Europe, Mr. Perkins remained at home until 1817, when he went to the West Indies for a few months, both for business purposes and for the benefit of his health. In 1821, he relieved the Trustees of the Athenæum of their difficulty as to the provision of a suitable building for the Library, by offering them his house in Pearl Street for that purpose. His motives, says Mr. Cary, as expressed in the deed of conveyance, were "a consideration of the importance of the diffusion of knowledge to the liberty and happiness of any community, and of the beneficial effects of public libraries and reading-rooms to promote this important end," and also "a special regard to the Boston Athenæum, which was founded, and has been hitherto supported, on these principles." A lecture room and some other additions were made to the new Athenæum building after his death, toward which his brother and his son gave eight thousand dollars apiece, on condition that a like sum should be raised by private subscription within seven months. One of the rooms contained a valuable collection of casts, presented by Mr. Augustus Thorndike. The Fine Arts department of the Athenæum, which thus originated, organized interesting exhibitions of works of art for a long series of years, and only resigned its functions when the Museum of Fine Arts, to which it liberally transferred its collections, was ready to receive them, and give them a wider field of usefulness. The quiet, modest, and retiring nature of Mr. Perkins led him to

shun notice as much as possible. He was one of those men who make themselves felt by the warmth which they shed around them, while hiding, as far as possible, the source from which it proceeds. Beloved by all who knew him intimately, and highly esteemed for his liberality and public spirit by his fellow-citizens, he died at his country place, Pine Bank, after a short illness, which his somewhat feeble constitution was not able to resist, on the first day of August, 1822.

A vote was passed at a meeting of the Athenæum Trustees, called immediately after his decease, expressive of their sorrow at that event, and declaring that "they are deeply impressed with the great and numerous services which that distinguished gentleman and merchant had rendered to the community at large; and, in particular, they shall always remember with peculiar gratitude and delight that act of remarkable munificence to which this institution is indebted for its present spacious and splendid accommodations." Furthermore, the Trustees attended Mr. Perkins's funeral, and appointed a committee to cause a portrait of their benefactor to be copied by Gilbert Stuart from the original portrait in the possession of Mrs. Perkins. C. C. P.

Notice of Isaac Rand, M.D.

Isaac Rand was the son of Dr. Isaac and Margaret (Damon) Rand, and was born at Charlestown, on April 18, 1743. He graduated at Harvard College in the class of 1761, where he took high rank for scholarship. While yet an undergraduate, he displayed a good deal of taste for mathematics, and in his senior year was one of two students who accompanied Professor Winthrop to Newfoundland, to observe the transit of Venus across the disk of the sun. After graduation, he studied medicine, at first with his father, and afterward with Dr. James Lloyd, a distinguished physician of the last century. He began the active practice of his profession in

Boston in the year 1764, where he soon attained eminence. A few years later, when the Revolution broke out, his sympathies were with the Crown, and, like many persons of that period, he thought that the efforts of the colonists to separate themselves from the mother country were premature. During the siege, when most of his professional brothers were serving on the popular side, he remained in Boston, where he had an extensive practice among all classes.

He was one of the founders of the Massachusetts Medical Society, in the year 1781, and always took a deep interest in its welfare. He was its President during six years, — from 1798 to 1804, — besides filling other offices at different times. He contributed two papers to the Society, which were printed in its Transactions. In the year 1804, he delivered the first annual address given before it, which was reprinted in 1853, by a vote of the Councillors. It was published in exact *facsimile*, under the careful supervision of our late associate member, Dr. Nathaniel B. Shurtleff.

Dr. Rand was a close student, and through life kept up his acquaintance with the classic authors. He read them with ease, and they were ever near at hand for reference or study. He was always distinguished for the practice of the Christian virtues, and during many years was connected with the Church. He was chosen a member of this Society on July 19, 1798, and died Dec. 11, 1822. S. A. G.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Aug. 26, 1823, — the members present were, Freeman, Hale, Homer, Jenks, Lowell, Saltonstall, Savage, Shaw, Spooner, Jr., and Tucker.

Voted, That the price of the tenth volume of the second series be two dollars.

Voted, That the additional Hutchinson papers received this day from the Secretary of State be referred to the Publishing Committee.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Nichols for his valuable labors in arranging the Hutchinson papers, and in preparing a vocabulary from the Cotton manuscripts.

Voted, That Mr. Savage be requested to correspond with Samuel Williams, Esq., of London, on the subject of the Hutchinson papers.*

Samuel Williams, Esq., was nominated a Corresponding Member by Mr. Savage.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Oct. 30, 1823, —

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a list of donations, and letters from Admiral Coffin and George W. Erving, Esq., signifying their acceptance of their election as Corresponding Members.†

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* By Hutchinson "papers" was intended the manuscript of his third volume. — Eds.

† The following is the letter of Admiral Coffin received at this time: —

"London, 16th June, 1823.

"Sir, — Being deeply engaged at present in my Parliamentary duties must plead as my apology for the brevity of this letter.

"On the receipt of yours, dated the 20th December, 1822, I set on foot an inquiry, and soon after met Mr. Sabbatier, possessing the documents you so much want. He being in correspondence with Mr. Williams on the subject, leaves me nothing more to add than my hope you will soon have a satisfactory result.

"In accepting the honor conferred upon me by the Massachusetts Historical Society, I shall endeavor to fulfil the expectations that may have been formed

SAMUEL WILLIAMS, Esq., of London, was elected a Corresponding Member of the Society.

Mr. SAVAGE communicated a letter from Rev. John Hutchinson, of Great Britain, respecting an additional volume of Hutchinson's History. Referred to the Committee who now have this subject under consideration.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1824.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Jan. 29, 1824, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Clap, Davis, Freeman, Hale, Holmes, Jenks, Harris, Pierce, and Savage.

In the absence of the Secretary, Dr. HOLMES was requested to take minutes of the proceedings.

List of donations was communicated.

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of my humble efforts to serve the country that gave me birth, trusting the Society will make due allowance for the numberless defects incident to a profession little calculated by taste and study to add to the literary and civil history of our country.

"At all events, the few years that are left me shall be passed in endeavoring to contribute all in my power to the prosperity of the town of Boston and State of Massachusetts.

"With many thanks for the obliging manner you have been pleased to make known to me the honor conferred on me, I remain, Sir, your obliged humble servant, ISAAC COFFIN, Admiral.

"ABIEL HOLMES, Esq., &c."

The Mr. Sabbatier referred to was a connection of the Hutchinson family, and some of the correspondence relating to the third volume of the History, in manuscript, so frequently mentioned in the records, was conducted by him.— EDS.

Voted, That the present Librarian and the past be requested to furnish a schedule of the volumes of the Collections on hand, and report at the next meeting.

NATHAN HALE, Esq., was chosen a member of the Standing Committee, in the place of Mr. Tudor, absent from the country.*

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Peter S. Du Ponceau, Esq., giving information respecting foreign societies.

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* At the close of the year 1823, Mr. Tudor received the appointment of Consul for the United States at Lima, the duties of which he discharged till his transfer to the Atlantic coast, in 1828, as Chargé d'Affaires at Rio Janeiro. He died suddenly at Rio, March 9, 1830. During his residence at Lima he wrote the following letters to the Corresponding Secretary: —

"LIMA, May 17th, 1825.

"REV. AND DEAR SIR, — Wishing to contribute some mite, during my absence in this distant part of our continent, to the aid of the Historical Society, I have sought for books which I thought might furnish an acceptable addition to the Library. Hitherto I have only found the three grammars and vocabularies of Indian languages: the Quichua language is that of the Indians of the Pacific Coast of Peru; the Moxo dialect is that of the natives on the upper branches of the eastern waters of the Cordilleras; and the third is a dialect of the Indians of Chili.

"Please to receive and to offer to the gentlemen of the Society my respectful salutations. I hope at no distant period I may again enjoy the satisfaction of assisting personally in their valuable labors.

"I am, Rev. and dear Sir, respectfully yours, W. TUDOR.

"Rev. Dr. HOLMES, Corresponding Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Society."

"LIMA, Dec. 15th, 1826.

"REV. AND DEAR SIR, — The new Constitution, framed by General Bolivar, has recently been sworn to, in this capital, on which occasion three days' festival took place, and a number of medals were distributed. I enclose one of these for the Cabinet of the Historical Society, as commemorating an event of 'more or less' importance in the history of South America. I hope a medal and some books I sent for the Society on a former occasion may have arrived safe. I salute the Society and yourself with all cordiality and respect, and remain your obedient servant, W. TUDOR.

"Rev. ABIEL HOLMES, D.D." EDS.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to open a correspondence with the Royal Society of Antiquaries in France, and with the Royal Society of Antiquaries in London, and to present each of those societies with a copy of the Collections.*

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to deliver the volumes of the Society's Collections wanting in the series presented to the Legislature, as mentioned in a communication from Mr. Secretary Bradford.

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to procure tables of contents to the volumes of the Trumbull manuscripts, to be made by members of the Society.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized and requested to offer for sale the bound copies (not exceeding one half) of Hubbard's History on hand, at three dollars a volume.

Dissolved.

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* The following letter was addressed to the Society of Antiquaries of London by Dr. Holmes, the Corresponding Secretary. The prefix of "Royal" to the name of the Society is not authorized: —

"CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS,
14th August, 1824.

"To the Secretary of the Royal Society of
Antiquaries of London.

"SIR, — I am instructed by the Massachusetts Historical Society to open a correspondence with the Society of which you are Secretary, and to present to it a copy of our Collections. It is with great pleasure that I comply with the instruction, and would respectfully solicit the honor of a correspondence. The New World has few objects of literary, and especially of antiquarian, research, compared with the Old; but the time and origin of its primitive settlement, the character of its aboriginal inhabitants, the relics and memorials of its ancient population, and the rise and progress of its colonial establishments, are worthy the inquiry of the historian and the antiquary.

"The republic of letters is one and indivisible; and it will be very grateful to the junior members of it, on this side of the Atlantic, to have communications with their seniors on the other.

"The Circular Letter which I enclose will show you what the objects of the Historical Society are; and its Collections, which I also send to you, will show what it has accomplished.

"Do me the honor to accept a copy of "American Annals" for the Library of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, and believe me to be, very respectfully, Sir, your obedient servant, ABIEL HOLMES,
Secretary of Massachusetts Historical Society."

EDS.

ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1824.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, April 29, 1824, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Coolidge, Davis, Freeman, Hale, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Mitchell, J. Pickering, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, and Ware.

The officers of the past year were rechosen.

The Librarian stated that the Committee appointed to furnish a schedule of the volumes of the Collections on hand, and report at this meeting, had not been able to complete that service.

Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Hale were appointed the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

Voted, That Mr. Secretary Bradford be requested to prepare a memoir of our late esteemed associate, Gamaliel Bradford, Esq.*

Samuel P. Gardner, Esq., was nominated a Resident Member by the Standing Committee.

Voted, That Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Gray, Mr. Lyman, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Savage be a committee to apply to the Legislature for assistance in publishing the second volume of Winthrop's Journal, and the republication of the first volume.†

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* Mr. Bradford died on the 7th March, 1824. Mr. Alden Bradford's memoir of him is in 3 Collections, I. 202–209. — Eds.

† What the Society wished to do, and what was finally accomplished, was to reprint that part of Winthrop's Journal which had been printed in Hartford, in 1790, and also to print at the same time the part recently found in the Prince Library, which never had been printed, making together, as published, two volumes. The work was edited by Mr. Savage, with elaborate notes, and the copyright was taken out in his name as proprietor. The first volume was published in 1825, and the second in 1826.

Winthrop's original manuscript was in three parts or volumes. The Hartford publication embraced the first two volumes, the editor not being then aware of the existence of the third part. — Eds.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz.: —

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Massachusetts Historical Society to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, James Savage, have duly proceeded therein, and find the same well kept, correctly cast, and properly vouched, and report that the balance remaining in his hands this day is forty-seven dollars and twenty-four cents.

(Signed) NAHUM MITCHELL.
NATHAN HALE.

Voted, That the Committee appointed to apply to the Legislature for aid in publishing Winthrop's Journal be requested to offer the thanks of the Society for the donation from the Legislature of sixteen volumes of State Papers.

Voted, That the Librarian and Mr. Hale be a committee to make a selection from the maps in the possession of the Society, and procure them to be bound.

Dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Aug. 24, 1824, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Davis, Freeman, Gray, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Nichols, Du Ponceau, Ripley, Saltonstall, and Winthrop.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

SAMUEL P. GARDNER, Esq., was chosen a Resident Member.

Hon. Rufus King was nominated a Corresponding Member by Dr. Freeman.

The thanks of the Society were given to Mr. Du

Ponceau for a donation of his work on the Jurisdiction of the Courts of the United States.

Julius de Wallenstein, Secretary of the Russian Embassy, and Marquis Barbé Marbois, of Paris, were nominated Corresponding Members.

General Lafayette was nominated a Corresponding Member by Dr. Holmes.

The Committee appointed to apply to the Legislature for assistance in publishing the second volume of Winthrop's Journal, made the following report: —

That they made the application required of them at the last session of the Legislature, and that the General Court agreed by a resolve to purchase three hundred and fifty copies of the work, at two dollars per volume, and to furnish an engraving of the portrait of Governor Winthrop, to be prefixed to the first volume; provided the first volume be delivered within one year, and the second volume within two years, from the date of the resolve.

THOMAS L. WINTHROP, *Chairman.*

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Oct. 28, 1824, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Davis, Freeman, Gardner, Gray, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Ripley, Savage, Webster,* and Winthrop.

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* The Hon. Daniel Webster was elected a Resident Member in 1821. He does not appear, up to this time certainly, to have attended a meeting, and where the name "Webster" occurs in the records here, without an initial, Mr. Redford Webster must be supposed to be intended. He was an officer of

Mr. GRAY was appointed to prepare a memoir of William J. Spooner, Esq., for the next volume of the Collections.*

Mr. BOWDOIN and Mr. MERRILL were chosen a Committee to collect ballots.

Hon. RUFUS KING, JULIUS DE WALLENSTEIN, BARBÉ MARBOIS, and DE LAFAYETTE were elected Corresponding Members.†

The President, Mr. GRAY, and Mr. MERRILL were appointed a committee to consider the expediency of devising some plan for causing proper indexes to be made of the ancient records of the towns and churches in this Commonwealth, and for rendering the information contained in them more easily accessible.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay Messrs. Sargent & Murdock fifty dollars toward defraying the expense of slating the roof.

Voted, That Ephraim Eliot, Esq., a member of the Society, be

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the Society; and, though not a constant attendant, he was a frequent attendant on the meetings, and took an active interest in the Society's affairs. — EDS.

* William J. Spooner, chosen a member in April, 1822, died Oct. 17, 1824. A memoir is in 3 Collections, I. 265–271. — EDS.

† The following is the letter of acceptance written by Lafayette on receiving notice of his election: —

"RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, Jan. 26th, 1825.

"SIR, — The honor bestowed upon me by the Massachusetts Historical Society, highly gratifying on every account to my feelings, claims my respectful and affectionate acknowledgments. I beg you will be pleased to accept and transmit the expression of these sentiments, which I eagerly anticipate the pleasure to offer myself at the momentous anniversary epocha of June which has so great a part in the historical annals of Massachusetts and the United States. Happy will I be, Sir, if it is in my power to prove an useful correspondent to the Society.

"I have the honor to be, with high regard and sincere attachment, your obedient servant, LAFAYETTE.

"The Rev. ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.,
Franklin Place, Boston" EDS

authorized to take from the Library Douglass's "History of a new Miliary Fever," and Fitch's "Narrative of the Throat Distemper, as it appeared in New Hampshire in 1735," for the use of the New Hampshire Medical Society, he being responsible for the same.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1825.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Jan. 27, 1825, — the members present were, the President, Bowdoin, Clap, Freeman, Gardner, Hale, Holmes, Jenks, Pierce, Ripley, and Savage.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

SAMUEL P. GARDNER and NATHAN HALE, Esqs., were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

A communication from Thomas Perkins, Esq., on behalf and by direction of the Directors of the United States Bank, relating to the curiosities, coins, and documents deposited under the foundation of the Branch Bank, was referred to the Publishing Committee.*

Voted, That it be always the duty of the Standing Committee to have a nomination of not less than three recorded by the Secretary, out of whom elections of members shall be made; and, in making elections, the order of nomination shall be followed, unless the contrary be voted by the Society.†

Dr. Gamaliel Bradford, Rev. F. W. P. Greenwood,

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* Published in 3 Collections, I. 271–278. — EDS.

† This vote was repealed at the next August meeting. — EDS.

and John G. Palfrey were nominated Resident Members by the Standing Committee.

Donations * were reported by the Corresponding Secretary.†

Meeting dissolved.

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* Among the donations given about this time was the sword of Colonel Benjamin Church, by Mrs. Anne Atwood, of Taunton, great-grand-daughter of Colonel Church. The following letter was written in answer to an inquiry respecting the genuineness of the relic: —

"TAUNTON, May 6, 1825.

"Rev. A. HOLMES, Cambridge,

"DEAR SIR, — I duly received your favor of 2d instant, and now forward the sketch annexed, which I believe to be correct: —

"'Mrs. Anne Atwood, of Taunton, is a daughter of Mrs. Mercy Richmond, now deceased, the widow of the Hon. Perez Richmond, late of Little Compton (Seconnet), in the State of Rhode Island. Mrs. Richmond and the late Colonel Thomas Church (who commanded one of the Rhode Island regiments at the siege of Boston, and was afterwards a member of the Legislature of Massachusetts, having removed to Dighton, in this county) were children of Thomas Church, Esq., a son of the warrior, and the author of the historical memoir of that war. The tradition in the family, which is no doubt correct, is that the sword and a gun, both belonging to the warrior Church, were given by him to his son, Thomas. After his decease, the late Colonel Thomas Church and his sister, Mrs. Richmond, who both valued these relics of their grandfather, took possession of them, they being the only surviving children of Thomas Church, the son of the warrior Colonel Church. [He] took the gun, and Mrs. Richmond the sword, and during the Revolutionary War she constantly kept it by her bedside, being in constant apprehension of an attack from the British, they then occupying Rhode Island. Whether she would have used it or not we cannot tell, but she was a woman of a daring and resolute spirit. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Richmond came to Dighton to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Atwood, and amongst her other personals she brought this sword. Mr. George Atwood, the husband of Mrs. Atwood, removed afterwards to Taunton, where he kept the hotel on the Green, where he died. Mrs. Richmond accompanied him, and she also died at Taunton. In this way the sword came into possession of Mrs. Atwood; and, upon the solicitation of Mr. Crocker and Mr. Francis Baylies, and by the hand of Mr. Crocker, it was presented to the Historical Society of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Atwood intended to have it understood that she was the donor. When Colonel Church removed from Little Compton to Dighton, he left the gun with his son-in-law, Dr. Benjamin Richmond, to whose house it had been previously removed with the other personal effects of Colonel

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† Rev. John Bradford, chosen a member in 1798, died Jan. 27, 1825. A notice of him by Rev. William Newell, D.D., will be found in this volume on p. 382 — EDS.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1825.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, April 28, 1825, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Davis, Gardner, Gray, Hale, Holmes, Jenks, Kirkland, Lowell, Ripley, Savage, and Webster.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

Mr. RIPLEY and Mr. HALE were appointed to collect ballots.

The officers of the last year were re-elected.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz.: —

BOSTON, April 28th, 1825.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Massachusetts Historical Society to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, James Savage, have duly proceeded therein, and find the same well kept, correctly cast, and properly vouched, and report that the balance remaining in his hands this day is eighty-one dollars and thirty-nine cents.

(Signed) SAMUEL P. GARDNER.
NATHAN HALE.

The Librarian having stated that fourteen pages in the copies on hand of the fourth volume of the first series [were wanting], it was

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Church for safety, he at that time living at Seconnet Point, which was much exposed to the incursions of the enemy on Rhode Island. The gun is now either at Little Compton, or at Westport in this State. Information can be obtained either by application to the Hon. Sylvester Brownell, of Westport, who married a daughter of the late Colonel Thomas Church, or Dr. John Wilkes Richmond, of Providence, his grandson; and it would probably, upon request, be presented by either of those gentlemen to the Society.'

"Any further information in my power will be cheerfully communicated by your obedient servant, SAMUEL CROCKER."

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Voted, That the requisite number be reprinted.

Voted, That a committee be appointed to consider what measures it is expedient for this Society to take in relation to the contemplated transactions on the ensuing anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill.

The President and Standing Committee were appointed.

A memoir of the French Huguenots who settled at Oxford, Massachusetts, was communicated by Dr. Holmes, and referred to the Publishing Committee.*

The Committee respecting the church records were empowered to communicate with the convention of the Congregational clergy and other ecclesiastical bodies, at their approaching meeting, on the subject of their commission. The two Secretaries were added to the Committee.

Dr. GAMALIEL BRADFORD, Rev. F. W. P. GREENWOOD, and Rev. JOHN G. PALFREY were chosen Resident Members.

Voted, That the subject of the manner of making nominations and elections be referred to the Standing Committee, to report at the next meeting.

Messrs. PICKERING, BOWDOIN, NICHOLS, and MERRILL were appointed a committee to prepare and publish the second volume of the third series.†

[Three Resident Members died since the last annual meeting, — W. J. Spooner, John Bradford, and William Winthrop. Notices of the two last named are here furnished. — EDS.]

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* This paper was printed in 3 Collections, II. 1–83. — EDS.

† Hon. William Winthrop, chosen a member in January, 1820, died Feb. 5, 1825. A notice of him will be found in this volume on p. 383. — EDS.

Notice of the Rev. John Bradford.

The Rev. John Bradford was born in Boston, in August, 1756, received his early education at the Boston Latin School, under Master James Lovell, and graduated at Harvard College in 1774, among the highest scholars of his class. After leaving college, partly through the influence of his pastor, the eminent Dr. Cooper, of the Brattle Street Church, he commenced the study of divinity, and went through the course of preparation for the ministry usual in his day. This was at the opening of the American Revolution, and his entrance into the ministry was delayed by the troubles and agitation of the times. Soon after the close of the Revolution, he resumed his interrupted career, and, on May 30, 1785, was ordained to the pastorate of the Second Congregational Church in Roxbury. Here he labored faithfully and successfully in the ministry till 1823, when his health began to fail, and he was at length compelled to relinquish the duties of his office, though he still retained his pastoral connection with his people. He died Jan. 27, 1825.

Mr. Bradford was a man of warm and sincere piety, of an upright and honorable character, of a most liberal and tolerant spirit, in good esteem for his excellent gifts, his scholarly acquisitions and literary culture, his genial companionship and instructive and witty conversation. "He possessed, in a word," as was said of him in the sermon delivered in his church after his death, "the mind of a scholar, the feelings of the true friend, the manners of the gentleman, and the virtues of the Christian." W. N.

Notice of the Hon. William Winthrop.

William Winthrop, fourth son of the eminent scholar and patriot, the Hon. John Winthrop, LL.D., for forty years Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy at Harvard, by his first wife, Rebecca Townsend, was born in Cambridge, April 19, 1753, and took his degree at Harvard in 1770.

Like his more distinguished brother, James, he entered upon the legal profession, embraced with ardor the popular cause, and is stated to have served as a volunteer at the battle of Bunker Hill.

Not long afterward, he began to take an active part in local politics, was for six years town-clerk of Cambridge, for ten years Selectman, and, in 1799, State Senator for the county of Middlesex.

George Cabot, writing to Timothy Pickering, Nov. 24, 1798, says: "Gerry has assured some of our Jacobin leaders (the Winthrops, particularly) that the French are sincere in professing to desire an honorable peace with us." * This passage refers to William Winthrop and his elder brothers, John and James, who were then active supporters of Mr. Jefferson.

In later life, Mr. Winthrop turned his attention from politics to agriculture, and to his library, which contained some rare works and interesting family memorials. He became a member both of the American Antiquarian and the Massachusetts Historical Societies, and died unmarried, in his seventy-second year, at his house in Arrow Street, Cambridge, Feb. 5, 1825.

His heirs presented many of his pamphlets and manuscripts to this Society. R. C. W., Jr.

* Lodge's Life and Letters of George Cabot, p. 185.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Aug. 30, 1825, — the members present were, the President, J. Bowdoin, F. C. Gray, A. Holmes, W. Jenks, C. Lowell, J. C. Merrill, B. R. Nichols, J. Pierce, J. Quincy, S. Ripley, J. Savage, N. G. Snelling, H. Ware, Jr., R. Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

A list of donations was communicated by the Corresponding Secretary, a part of which were referred to the Publishing Committee.

The President made a communication requesting the concurrence of this Society with the Athenæum, Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Medical Society, in the appropriation of three thousand dollars each, for the erection of a building additional to the Athenæum, which shall afford the Societies convenient rooms for their libraries and their private meetings. Whereupon,

Voted, That the proposition is agreeable to this Society, and that Messrs. Quincy, Gray, Savage, Snelling, and Nichols be a committee to consider the subject, accept donations for promoting the object, and report at the next meeting.

The Standing Committee reported on the subject of nominations.

Voted, That the rule on this subject adopted at the meeting in January last be repealed.

Voted, That the meeting in August in future be held at twelve o'clock M.

Rev. Dr. Gregorio Funés, "Dean de la Santa Iglesia de Cordova del Tucuman en America," was nominated a

Corresponding Member by Dr. Harris; Hon. Dr. Manuel Moreno, of Buenos Ayres, President of the Academy of Medicine and Natural Sciences, by the President; His Excellency Don José Maria Salazar, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Colombia, by Mr. T. L. Winthrop.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Oct. 27, 1825, — the members present were, G. Bradford, Everett, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, Pierce, Savage, Webster, and T. L. Winthrop.

Several communications, made through the President, were referred to the Publishing Committee.

The President, Librarian, and Recording Secretary were appointed a committee of conference with committees of the American Academy and the Essex Historical Society, on the subject of an application to the Legislature for the publication of such portions of the old State records as they may deem expedient.*

Dr. Gregorio Funés, Dr. Manuel Moreno, and Don José Maria Salazar were elected Corresponding Members.†

Meeting dissolved.

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* The printing of the entire records of the Massachusetts Colony, as was done under the superintendence of our late associate, Dr. Shurtleff, a few years ago, was a labor and expense not contemplated by the Society at this early period. — Eds.

† Hon. David Sewall, chosen a member in October, 1791, died Oct. 22, 1825. A memoir of him will be found on pp. 389, 390. — Eds.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1826.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Jan. 26, 1826, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Clap, Davis, Hale, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Savage, and Ware.

The resignation of Dr. Popkin and of Mr. Ephraim Eliot was accepted.

Communications of correspondence were made by the Corresponding Secretary.

A communication from Mr. Foster, of Germantown, was referred to the Publishing Committee.

A letter from Mr. Sparks, proposing to exchange the volumes of the North American Review already published, and the numbers as they shall appear, for the volumes of the Collections, was referred to the Librarian, to be executed as far as practicable.

Voted, That the papers and pamphlets from Mr. Winthrop's Collection be kept distinct, and a catalogue be made of them.*

Voted, That if any member, who has usually been notified of the meetings, be absent from eight successive meetings, the Secretary cease to notify him.

Voted, That the Committee on the proposition from the Athenæum proceed in the business committed to them.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized and requested to supply the deficient sets of the Collections, as far as he can, by obtaining a reprint of title-pages.

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* This vote refers to the papers of William Winthrop, Esq., who died Feb. 5, 1825. In the list of acknowledgments in 3 Collections, II. 365, is "A Collection of Pamphlets and Manuscripts in the Winthrop Family. The Heirs of William Winthrop, Esq." He had many interleaved catalogues of Harvard College graduates, now in the Society's Library. — EDS.

Voted, That the Treasurer be requested to make report, in writing or otherwise, of the losses sustained by this Society by the late fire in Court Street.

Meeting dissolved.

ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1826.

At a meeting of the Society, April 27, 1826, — the members present were, Davis, Bowdoin, Bradford, Gardner, Hale, Holmes, Harris, Lowell, Merrill, Mitchell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Webster, and Winthrop.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

Dr. Bradford and Mr. Hale were chosen a committee to collect and scrutinize votes for officers.

[Hon. JOHN DAVIS	was chosen	President.
CHARLES LOWELL, D.D. . . .	"	Recording Secretary.
ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	"	Corresponding Secretary.
JAMES SAVAGE, Esq.	"	Treasurer.
Rev. WILLIAM JENKS	"	Librarian.
REDFORD WEBSTER, Esq. . .	"	Cabinet-Keeper.
THOMAS L. WINTHROP, Esq.	were chosen	Standing Committee.]
Rev. JOHN PIERCE		
FRANCIS C. GRAY, Esq.		
NATHAN HALE, Esq.		
JAMES BOWDOIN, Esq.		

Topographical accounts of Hamilton and Sharon, by Mr. Felt, with a paper on witchcraft, from the same, and an account of ministers in New Hampshire, by Mr. Farmer, were referred to the Publishing Committee.*

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* Mr. Felt's paper on witchcraft, being extracts from the records of the church in Danvers, is published in 3 Collections, III. 169–180. Mr. Farmer's account of ministers and churches in New Hampshire is in the preceding volume, pp. 229–322. — Eds.

A communication from Mr. Farmer was read, requesting that a printed Journal of the Commissioners to negotiate a treaty with the Penobscot and Norridgewalk Indians, which he presented to the Society, may be returned to him.

Voted, That it be returned.

ADAM WINTHROP, Esq., was chosen a Corresponding Member. Mr. MERRILL and Mr. RIPLEY, the Scrutinizing Committee.

Messrs. Caleb H. Snow, Jared Sparks, and Benjamin Merrill were nominated Resident Members by the Standing Committee.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report: —

We, the undersigned, a Committee of the Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of James Savage, Treasurer of said Society, have this day performed that service, and report that the accounts are, we believe, justly kept, sufficiently vouched, and correctly cast, and that the balance in his hands remaining in favor of the Society is thirty-eight dollars and twenty-two cents.*

(Signed) SAMUEL P. GARDNER.
NATHAN HALE.

Accepted.

The Librarian was authorized to sell such of the copies of Hubbard's History as he may think proper, and at any price not less than the original cost. He was also authorized to deposit the volumes of the Collections in

* The whole amount of receipts for the year was $299.40, of which sum $202 were from sales of the Collections. The payments amounted to $342.57, of which sum $333.75 were paid for printing and binding the Collections. — EDS.

some safe place, free of expense to the Society, under the direction of the Standing Committee.

Meeting dissolved.

[Two Resident Members died since the last annual meeting, — David Sewall and W. S. Shaw, — notices of whom, never having appeared in the Society's volumes, here follow. — Eds.]

Notice of the Hon. David Sewall.

Judge David Sewall, a native of York, Maine, is said to have been the second educated lawyer resident in that district.* He was born in 1735, and was descended from Henry Sewall, the first emigrant of the name, who settled in Newbury, in 1634. He was a graduate of Harvard College in 1755, in the class with his friend, John Adams. Late in life, he wrote an entertaining narrative of a journey made from Cambridge to Portsmouth in 1754, while an undergraduate, in company with Tutor Flynt, then eighty years of age, in a chair drawn by a "pacing mare." The manuscript account of the drive was found among the papers of John Adams, and was communicated by the Hon. C. F. Adams to the Historical Society in January, 1878, and it is printed in the Proceedings under that date.

Sewall studied law with Judge William Parker, of Portsmouth, whose daughter, Mary, he afterward married. He established himself in the practice of his profession at York, in 1757, and pursued it, in connection with the office of Register of Probate, to which he was appointed in 1766, with much success, until his appointment as associate Justice of

* By the late Hon. William Willis, in his "History of the Law, the Courts, and the Lawyers of Maine," at pp. 84–86, from which this notice is principally compiled. — Eds.

the Superior Court of Massachusetts in 1777. After an honorable service of twelve years in this court, he was appointed by President Washington, in 1789, a Judge of the United States Court for the District of Maine. This court then had the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of the United States. The year following his appointment, Judge Sewall presided at the first trial for piracy which occurred under the new government. He continued to discharge the duties of this office till 1818, when the infirmities of age admonished him to retire from all active labor. He was President of the Board of Overseers of Bowdoin College for fourteen years, and for nearly seventeen years Register of Probate in York County. He died Oct. 22, 1825, aged ninety, — having filled the office of Judge forty-one years, — leaving no family. Judge Sewall was a man of great benevolence, unassuming in his deportment, social and amiable in his manners, and of great purity of character. He remarked to a friend, near the close of his days, that if he were to lead his life over again, he did not know that he should wish to alter it.

Judge Sewall contributed a "Topographical Description of York" to Vol. III. of the Collections of the Society. He also made a transcript of the early records of Maine, in his own beautiful hand, which he presented to the Society, and which is now preserved in its Cabinet.

He was elected a Resident Member of the Society in October, 1791, being the first member elected after its organization. By the separation of Maine from Massachusetts, in 1820, he may have legally lost his membership in the Society, but his name was kept on the roll of Resident Members till his death, being included in a new list of living members, printed in that year in 3 Collections, I. 289. C. D.

Notice of William Smith Shaw, Esq.

William Smith Shaw, only son of the Rev. John and Elizabeth (Smith) Shaw, was born in Haverhill, on the 12th of August, 1778. As a child, his health was feeble, and he was early thrown into the companionship of books. The fondness which he thus acquired for reading and books became afterward a ruling passion. In 1794, he entered Harvard College, and was graduated in 1798, in the same class with William Ellery Channing and Joseph Story. After leaving college, he was for about two years private secretary to his uncle, President John Adams. In 1801, he began the study of law in the office of William Sullivan, of Boston; and, in 1804, he was admitted to the bar. Early in the next year he became one of the founders of the Anthology Club, an association of gentlemen in Boston formed for the publication of the "Monthly Anthology." Mr. Shaw was for some time editor of the "Anthology," which was issued for eight years, from 1803 to 1811, and prepared the way for the "North American Review," of which the first number appeared in 1815. Shortly after the formation of the Anthology Club, he took the principal part in the establishment of the reading-room and library of the Boston Athenæum, and he was the first librarian of that institution. He retained his official connection with it nearly to the close of his life, serving through the whole period without any pecuniary compensation.

His strong taste for literary pursuits disinclined him for the sharp competition which a successful lawyer must encounter; and, in 1806, he readily accepted an appointment as clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. He held this office for about twelve years. The duties were not very burdensome, and his official connection with the court afforded him a sure income and adequate means for the purchase of rare books and pamphlets. Of these

he made a large and valuable collection. At his death they all passed into the possession of the Athenæum, by a release from his brother-in-law, the Rev. Joseph B. Felt. In November, 1805, he was elected a member of the Historical Society, and from 1806 to 1808 he was Librarian. He was chosen a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1810, and of the American Antiquarian Society in 1813. He was also a Corresponding Member of the New York Historical Society, and a member and Vice-President of the Linnæan Society. He died in Boston, unmarried, April 25, 1826. He was a man of good abilities, energetic, and public-spirited, and earnestly devoted to the intellectual advancement of the community. Though he was not himself a contributor to the periodical literature of the time, few men did more to diffuse a correct literary taste, and the Boston Athenæum is a perpetual monument to his disinterested love of letters.

C. C. S.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, Aug. 29, 1826, — the members present were, Messrs. Davis, Harris, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Bradford, Ripley, Savage, and Winthrop.

The transactions of the last meeting of the Society were read.

The Treasurer made a report respecting the loss sustained by the Society in the fire of the 10th of November, 1825, stating that, besides the loss of about fifteen hundred volumes of the Collections, the following books were destroyed: viz., second volume of Winthrop's History, in manuscript; nineteenth volume of Trumbull's Collection of Manuscripts; first volume of Hazard's

Historical Collections; first volume of Dr. Holmes's Annals; and the volume of Hutchinson's Curious Collections.*

Report accepted.

A proposal of R. P. & C. Williams, to exchange certain odd volumes of the Collections for volumes in succession, was referred to the Librarian to comply with the request, if practicable.

A request of Mr. William Lincoln, of Worcester, for permission to insert in the "Worcester Magazine" that part of the Memoir of the French Protestants prepared for the Collections which relates to the county of Worcester, was referred to Dr. Holmes, with authority to inform Mr. Lincoln that the request is complied with; provided that the fact be stated in the publication that it is from an article in the Collections now in the press;

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* The following letter of Mr. Savage, relating to the losses which the Society sustained in the fire of Nov. 10, 1825, addressed to the President, is on file: —

"BOSTON, 1st May, 1826.

"DEAR SIR, — The loss to the Historical Society by the sad fire of 10th November last, in which my office, with its contents, was destroyed, was very severe. Besides a great portion of stock of the Society's Collections, probably amounting to twelve or fifteen hundred volumes, in the adjoining room, occupied by the printers for the Society, the property consumed in my office was as follows: —

"The second volume of Governor Winthrop's History, in manuscript.

"The nineteenth volume of Trumbull's Collection of Manuscripts.

"The first volume of Hazard's Historical Collections.

"The first volume of Dr. Holmes's Annals.

"The volume of Hutchinson's Curious Collections.

"For this loss, as well as that of some friends, who entrusted me with some books relative to the early history of our country, my regret is deep and sincere. My own loss of a considerable collection of similar books, of which not one was saved, I can bear with patience, because the community is not deprived, except for a few weeks, of the result of the humble labors bestowed on Winthrop's History by your devoted and obedient

"JAS. SAVAGE.

"Hon. JOHN DAVIS,
President of Massachusetts Historical Society." EDS.

and, provided, also, that the publication of the magazine is to be discontinued before the publication of the Society's volume.*

Mr. Z. G. Whitman's request for permission to take books and newspapers from the Library was so far complied with as that he be allowed the same privilege in this respect with members of the Society, for a period not exceeding one year.

Messrs. Caleb H. Snow, Jared Sparks, and Benjamin Merrill were elected Resident Members.

Messrs. Ripley and Bradford were appointed a committee to procure from the Clark family, in Waltham, such portraits as they may think will be of value to the Society.

Mr. Savage was appointed to prepare a memoir of Mr. Shaw for the Collections.†

Dr. Harris was requested to procure from the executor of Dr. Bentley's will such papers as may be useful to the Society.

Dr. Harris was allowed the use of papers relating to the College Catalogue from Mr. Winthrop's collection, for the space of two months.

Dissolved. ‡

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* The "Memoir of the French Protestants" is printed in 3 Collections, II. 1–83. The part printed in the "Worcester Magazine" appeared in the October number for 1826, which concluded the second volume of that work, its publication being then discontinued. — Eds.

† William Smith Shaw, elected a member in November, 1805, died April 25, 1826. Mr. Savage failed to perform the duty assigned him. A notice of Mr. Shaw by Mr. C. C. Smith will be found in this volume on pp. 391, 392. — Eds.

‡ The Hon. John Adams, who was chosen a member in July, 1800, died July 4, 1826. A notice of him by his grandson, Mr. C. F. Adams, will be found in this volume on pp. 400–407.

The Rev. Jedediah Morse, D.D., elected a Resident Member in 1796, is said to have removed from the State in 1820, and he died in New Haven, June 9,

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, Oct. 26, 1826, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Bradford, Hale, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Pierce, Sparks, and Webster.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

1826. His name, however, is in the list published in 3 Collections, I. 288, in 1825, as a living Resident Member. The Society may never have been formally notified of his removal, if he had intended his removal to be permanent. The destruction of the Treasurer's books covering this period has rendered it impossible to determine a question of resident membership, so far as the annual assessments would determine it. Against Dr. Morse's name, in a list of members on the fly-leaf of an early volume of the records, is written, apparently in the hand of Dr. Charles Lowell, for many years Recording Secretary, "Removed from the State." In April, 1815, the Society adopted a rule "that any member moving out of the State shall be considered as no longer a Resident Member, but his name be transferred to the list of Corresponding Members." No instance, however, of such transferrence is to be found in the printed lists of members, although a number of Resident Members removed from the State, and thereby lost their membership. A brief reference to other instances occurring in this volume will here be made: —

Obadiah Rich, Esq., the well-known bibliographer, was elected a Resident Member in March, 1805. In 1815, he was appointed United States Consul at Valencia, in Spain, subsequently transferred to Madrid, and he finally established himself in business in London. He continued to reside abroad till his death, Jan. 20, 1850. His name is in the list published in 1825, in 3 Collections, I. 289, as a living Resident Member, but was dropped from the list of living Resident Members published in 1836, in 3 Collections, V. 299. Against his name, on the fly-leaf of the early volume of the Society's records already referred to, is written, apparently in the hand of Dr. Lowell, "Removed and became a Corresponding Member"; but Mr. Rich's name was never entered on the list of Corresponding Members.

Charles Bulfinch, Esq., the distinguished architect, was elected a Resident Member in October, 1801. Against his name, as against that of Mr. Rich, on the fly-leaf referred to, is written, in the same hand, "Removed to Washington, December, 1817, and became a Corresponding Member." His name is in the published list of 1825 as a living Resident Member, but omitted in that of 1836, and it never appeared in a list of Corresponding Members. He died in Boston, April 15, 1844, at the age of eighty.

The case of John Langdon Sullivan, M.D., elected in April, 1801, who removed from the State in 1818, is referred to on p. 277. His name never appeared on the Corresponding Roll. — Eds.

The Librarian reported that he had made an arrangement with R. P. & C. Williams to take certain volumes for the odd volumes of the Collections in their possession.

The Treasurer and Librarian were authorized to cause two hundred and fifty copies of the seventh and eighth volumes of the second series of the Collections to be reprinted.

Dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1827.

At a meeting of the Society, Jan. 25, 1827, — the members present were, Davis, Gardner, Greenwood, Hale, Hedge, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Palfrey, Snow, and Webster.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

Professor Hedge resigned his place in the Society.

A letter from the Rhode Island Historical Society, requesting the co-operation of this Society in procuring aid from Congress in obtaining the papers and documents in the Plantation Office, England, relating to the early history of this country, was read, and committed to the President and Messrs. SAVAGE and BOWDOIN, with full powers to act.

Mr. Joseph Emerson Worcester was nominated a Resident Member by the Standing Committee.

An extract of a letter from Rev. John Hutchinson, of England, relative to the unpublished volume of Governor Hutchinson's History, was communicated by Mr.

SAVAGE for the information of the Society, but not acted on. It proposes that five hundred copies be taken in this country, at eight shillings per copy.*

Meeting dissolved.

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* The following is a copy of a printed circular or subscription paper, prepared probably by Mr. Savage, for raising a sufficient sum to pay for the five hundred copies of Vol. III. of Hutchinson's History, printed in England. The sum was raised, and the books were received: —

"HUTCHINSON'S HISTORY.

"VOLUME III.

"Some years ago it was ascertained that the late Thomas Hutchinson, formerly Governor of Massachusetts, left in manuscript a third volume of his History, relating the events from 1749 to 1774, when the author was recalled to England. His former volumes deservedly obtained a high reputation for the writer's obedience to the chief laws by which such writings are rendered valuable and instructive. Perhaps no document, with regard to the history of any civilized state, remains unpublished, in which the community of letters have so great an interest; and to us, who so lately have had our memories refreshed with full relations of the arduous services of Otis, Quincy, Hancock, the two Adamses (John and Samuel), and other fathers of the American Revolution, the delineation of events in which they moved, drawn by their most accomplished antagonist, will yield a high entertainment, however widely and often we may differ from his judgment, and even for the very reason of our difference.

"With the hope of obtaining the publication of this work, a correspondence was begun in 1817 with the writer's son, Elisha Hutchinson, Esq., since deceased. The different chapters of the volume were discovered, after some years' search, among papers in possession of a grandson; but the plan of publishing in London was not found sufficiently encouraging to induce the family to encounter the hazard of its expense. Insuperable objections were raised to a compliance with offers made by one who is eager after all authentic sources of information upon the annals of this country, either to purchase the manuscript, or to publish it in Boston at his own risk, and give the emolument to the representatives of the Governor. It is now hopeless to expect that the work will be printed, unless a large part of the charge for impression of a thousand volumes be assured to them. It is ascertained that they will not consent to its being published elsewhere than in London, and that the best terms on which we can insure it to be published there, are, that we engage to take five hundred copies, and to pay for them the price of two hundred pounds. This, with the duties and other charges, will probably bring the amount to fifteen hundred dollars, and the cost of a single volume, at the usual rate of advance, over four dollars. If a large subscription is obtained, it may be delivered for three dollars. As no bookseller will undertake such an operation, it has seemed to three or four

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1827.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, April 26,— present, Bowdoin, Bradford, Coolidge, Davis, Gray, Harris, Holmes, Lowell, Merrill, Pierce, Palfrey, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Webster, and Winthrop.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

Mr. HALE and Dr. BRADFORD were appointed the committee on the Treasurer's accounts.*

Mr. MERRILL and Dr. WEBSTER were appointed a committee to collect and sort the votes for officers.

The officers of the last year were rechosen.

Mr. J. E. WORCESTER was chosen a Resident Member.

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persons a matter of so great interest to our community that they now resolve to solicit the attention of others to aid them in effecting the object.

"The work will, it is believed, be about the size of one of the former volumes of Hutchinson's History, and will be published in a handsome manner by Murray, in London, as soon as he is certified of the requisite encouragement from this quarter; and, on payment of the money there, the copies will be delivered to our agent.

"We, therefore, whose names are underwritten, willing to advance the amount for such an object, agree to pay James Savage, Nathan Hale, Nathaniel G. Snelling, and James Bowdoin, Esquires, on demand, the sums respectively set against our names by us in the second column, to be repaid by said Savage, Hale, Snelling, and Bowdoin, in just proportion, out of the proceeds of sales to subscribers and others; and also to take the number of copies expressed in the next column, at three dollars for each copy.

"BOSTON, March 19, 1827.

"It is desired that this paper may be returned, within one month from its date, to the Massachusetts Fire and Marine Insurance Office, Boston.

"SUBSCRIBERS' NAMES.	AMOUNT OF MONEY.	NUMBER OF COPIES."

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* The total receipts for the year were $246.74, including $194.74 from sales of books. The payments amounted to $12.50, and the balance in the hands of the Treasurer was $272.46. — EDS.

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Hon. Mr. Pitkin was authorized to take books and manuscripts from the Library to consult in reference to a work he has in preparation, he giving his receipt to the Librarian or Cabinet-Keeper for the same.

On the request of the Rev. W. B. Sprague, of West Springfield, the Librarian was authorized to exchange with him any duplicates of sermons or other pamphlets in the possession of the Society.

On request of the Rhode Island Historical Society, the President was authorized to loan to that Society Roger Williams's Key to the Indian Language.*

Mr. Quincy, Mr. Coolidge, and Mr. Bowdoin were appointed a committee to inquire whether a more safe and suitable room can be provided for the use of the Society, free of expense.

Mr. Ripley was requested to prepare a memoir of the late Governor Gore.†

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* The Rhode Island Historical Society reprinted Roger Williams's "Key" as the first volume of their Collections, 1827, from a transcript of a copy in the Bodleian Library, procured by Mr. Zachariah Allen in 1825. His manuscript was subsequently compared with the printed copy in this Society's Library. — Eds.

† The Hon. Christopher Gore, elected a member in January, 1798, died March 1, 1827. His health had been feeble for some years. He had served the Society as its President from 1806 to 1818; and in the letter which we print below, addressed to Dr. Freeman, declining to be longer considered a candidate for this office, he speaks of his severe and constant indisposition. Mr. Ripley's memoir of him is in 3 Collections, III. 191-209.

"Waltham, March 7, 1818.

"My dear Sir, — Presuming that you will be present at the meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society for the choice of officers, I take the liberty to pray you to present my best respects to the members, and to thank them in my name for the honor they have conferred on me by appointing me for many years their President, and especially for the indulgence they have shown at my absence, which can be apologized for only by severe and constant indisposition.

"And I also request them, should they even think of me as a candidate for that distinguished office, to permit me to decline the honor, as I cannot flatter

Mr. Joshua Coffin, of Newbury, was nominated a Resident Member by the Standing Committee; Rev. John Hutchinson, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Savage, and Hon. Theodoric Bland, of Maryland, by Mr. Bowdoin.

Dissolved.

[Two Resident Members died during the last year, — John Adams and Christopher Gore. A memoir of the former here follows. — EDS.]

Memoir of John Adams.

John Adams was born at Braintree, in the provincial period of Massachusetts, on the 19th day of October (old style), 1735, the fourth in lineal descent from Henry Adams, a farmer, who came from England to America in the early emigration of 1640, with eight sons and one daughter. These spread themselves gradually over the land. Occasionally, in the records of the town still appear the names of their descendants, in the three relations which give motion to the spread of civilization. Others wandered off to more or less distant regions. John Adams, Sen., who remained at home, had but three sons, the eldest of whom inherited his name. It was the custom in families of that day to send the most promising to college at Cambridge, with a view to effective service in the Church. This had been done with success in one case in the previous generation. But when the same opening was offered to John Adams, he preferred to embrace

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myself with such a return of health as would enable me to perform in any tolerable manner its various and important duties.

"Have the goodness, my dear Sir, to excuse the trouble I propose to you, and to believe me, with sincere and affectionate respect, your faithful friend and obedient servant, C. GORE.

"The Rev. Dr. FREEMAN." EDS.

what was then considered the less dignified profession of the law.

This decision was not made without careful consideration and mature judgment. But, once determined upon, Mr. Adams seized every opportunity to prepare himself properly for his undertaking. More than one of his early productions were wafted over to the mother country, and there pronounced of great promise. Among them was a paper, which met with so much favor as to be floated to London, where it appeared in a printed pamphlet, under the title of "A Dissertation on the Canon and Feudal Law," copies of which may still be found preserved in old libraries in Massachusetts.

Mr. Adams's progress in the profession thus selected by himself proved slow but steady; and, as long as the field remained tolerably free from political contention, the prospect rose to be promising. As it was, it justified him in undertaking the responsibility of marriage. The Rev. William Smith, then the clergyman established in the neighboring town of Weymouth, had married the daughter of Colonel John Quincy, the most noted of the citizens in Braintree. That marriage produced three very clever daughters. Of the three, Mr. Adams selected Abigail, the second in age, who proved to him the chief source of the many blessings of his life.

Years passed away, during which Mr. Adams found himself quietly rising in the practice of his profession, the only drawback being the portentous increase of darkness in the political sky. His turn for speculation in political questions soon gained him reputation, which did not fail ultimately to draw him into public life. It appears to have been the argument of James Otis on the legality of what were called "writs of assistance" which first opened his mind to the practical consequences of investing arbitrary authority in the hands of the officers of the crown. From this date, he became more and more engaged in political controversy, until the 5th of March.

1770, when the well-known collision between the people of Boston and the soldiers of the Crown held out the first portent of what was to follow.

John Adams and Josiah Quincy, Jr., were now known as decided friends of liberty; yet, singularly enough, they were selected by the officer and soldiers, engaged in the struggle, to defend them in the court of law. How far this selection might have been prompted by higher authority has never been disclosed. It is enough here to say that they did their duty in good faith, and the men were practically acquitted.

Under such circumstances, it was not unnatural that the warmer section of the popular party in Boston should have viewed this proceeding on the part of two of their trusted friends with more or less uneasiness. If there was any such distrust, it was soon dispelled. The evidence of it was fully given in the case of Mr. Adams. At an election, taking place for a vacant seat in the General Court, representing the town of Boston, Mr. Adams was returned by a very decided majority of the voters.

From the date of this election down to the close of the century, a period of twenty-seven years, Mr. Adams appears to have been employed in the public service, in one way or another, almost continuously. First, as a member of the General Court of the Province; then, as a member elected by that Court to repair with three more persons as delegates to Philadelphia, with a view to concerted action in behalf of liberty at that place; next, as a chief of committee on the conduct of the war; and, lastly, as the earnest and eloquent advocate of independence, — the evidence of these services has been made so patent in history as to call for no farther elucidation here.

Now came up a period when the Continental Congress, which had had it in charge, among other things, to cultivate the good will of foreign powers, and especially of France, discovered the unpleasant fact of the rise of grave differences among

the chosen Deputies sent there, which were materially impairing their prospects of success. The way to remedy such an evil quietly was to send out some new missionary, acquainted with the case, through whose energy it was felt that harmony might be restored. Mr. Adams was selected for that duty, and he accordingly embarked very soon in the "Boston," Captain Tucker, one of the few frigates at their disposal fit to go out on the high seas, and reach some safe refuge in France. By great luck, the party, consisting of Mr. Adams and his son, John Quincy, with two or three young companions, found their way to Bordeaux in safety, and thence to Paris, where the former was at once favorably received by the French Minister of State, the Count de Vergennes. Here he found forthwith a broad field to work in. The delegates previously sent had been so unwise as to differ about the modes of action proper to be taken, which led by degrees to unhappy dissension. On the one side was Dr. Franklin, who, had he been alone, would doubtless have secured confidence completely; but whose position was not a little weakened by the opposition of Representatives sent from the Southern States, — the Lees and Ralph Izard, — which materially impaired his authority. It was to meet this emergency that Mr. Adams had been sent out. It did not take him long to arrive at a conclusion. He recommended the reduction of the mission to one person: that person to be Dr. Franklin. Although not altogether satisfied even with his course, it did not prevent him from advising the transfer of all duties into his single hand, and the recommendation to withdraw everybody else altogether. This, of course, included himself. Count de Vergennes appears to have been so much relieved by this action that he at once offered to him a passage in a French frigate, fitting up at that moment to send in it a regular diplomatic envoy, who, by his presence, might keep the favorable disposition of France entirely understood. On the 17th of June, 1779, Mr. Adams embarked in company with the Marquis de la Luzerne

as Envoy, with full powers, in lieu of the preceding agent, Mr. Gerard. The voyage was pleasant, though slow, and the parties arrived in safety in the port of Boston on the 2d of August.

Just at the same time with this return, the people of Massachusetts, sensible of the necessity of supplying themselves with a more suitable form of government than that furnished by the royal charter, were busy in selecting suitable representatives of their own to prepare one. Mr. Adams's fellow-citizens in his native town were no sooner apprised of his return than they elected him a delegate. He lost no time in attending, and giving whatever aid he could supply towards the formation of a new form of Constitution. Many years afterward, and on another occasion, he wrote a paper, in which he distinctly claimed the draft ultimately adopted to have been made by his own hand. But matters were going on so fast everywhere that it was difficult to respond fully to every call. He was summoned to Philadelphia, where the Congress was again more or less embarrassed by the turn affairs had taken abroad, and especially in Paris. There was an obvious want of information, which could not be easily supplied without close enquiry. Mr. Adams was naturally regarded as best fitted to supply what he knew, which he did in his frankest manner. The consequence was that, after a brief struggle, he was chosen, mainly by the close adhesion of his New England colleagues, on account of their interest in the fisheries, to the responsible post of negotiator, in the event of a favorable issue in a treaty of peace, whilst Mr. Jay, his rival, was elected by unanimity as an envoy to co-operate in Spain.

Once more Mr. Adams appears returning over the ocean, in the same vessel in which he had come a few months before. Unluckily, the ship sprang a leak this time, so that it became necessary to make for the nearest port, which proved to be Ferrol, in Spain. From thence he passed overland and on

horseback through that country, reaching Paris in safety on the 1st of February, 1780. Matters yet seemed in doubt as to the ultimate issue of the war, even up to the decisive victory of the insurgents over Burgoyne. But that event in its turn was stimulating the sentiment of the French to such a degree that after that date there could be little doubt of their action turning in favor of the Americans. During this interval, Mr. Adams was found doing all in his power to stimulate it more and more. Then came the unlucky capture of Mr. Laurens, on the ocean, going to Holland to take his share of public duty there, — a share which, by that accident, fell back upon Mr. Adams. Ultimately, he succeeded in his great objects, — the first, in securing a loan of money; the second, in gaining a formal recognition of the independence of his country. The question no longer remained doubtful. The British Parliament, after the surrender of another army at Yorktown, became hopeless, and measures to bring about a pacification followed. The agents of the two parties expedited their work so rapidly that on the 30th November, 1782, the great result was finally reached, and the United States of America thenceforth became a nation recognized before the world. What the feelings of Mr. Adams must have been when, looking back to the 2d of July, 1776, he had thrown himself into the van, and staked all his hopes for his country, as well as himself, upon the die, and now that he met face to face the envoys of his old master, and saw them sign a full recognition of all he could possibly have expected to secure for his country, may be better imagined than described.

Peace having been settled, the next question of interest to Mr. Adams was the disposition to be made of him far away from his native home. His friends in Congress were not slow to acknowledge their obligations, so he was selected as the first person to represent his now free country in the Court of the monarch who had lost it. He has himself given an ac-

count of his presentation, which has become too well known to need repetition here. His official correspondence has likewise fully explained the difficulties he met with in effecting negotiations with the government, so long as doubts could be indulged of the stability of the union of the States. At last that point looked tolerably well settled, by the prospects of the new Constitution. His earnest desire once more to tread his native soil now became imperative. The consequence was that, on the 20th of April, 1788, he embarked with his family in a vessel which reached its destination in safety in the month of June.

It so happened that that new Constitution had been made and confirmed by the people in the interval. Mr. Adams had hardly planted his feet on his own ground when he found himself chosen by the Legislature of Massachusetts to attend the old Congress at Philadelphia. But, soon afterwards, the ratification of the new Constitution not only set that body aside, but also made necessary a fresh election to fill the posts of President and Vice-President, created by that instrument. Those places were accordingly filled by the election of General Washington and John Adams, and renewed for terms respectively of four years each, in regular course. Then came the retirement of Washington, in whom all had united. Next followed a signal for a division of opinion in regard to the choice of a successor. Parties soon appeared, and brought forward favorites of their own. The Federalists presented John Adams, the Republicans, Thomas Jefferson, as successors to the highest place. On the first trial of strength, the former was elected, and served his term of office; and, after a sharp conflict at the next, Mr. Jefferson succeeded, and Mr. Adams retired for the remainder of his life. At first some coldness ensued between them, but it gradually faded away after the retirement of both. The worthy pair soon manifested their freedom from all asperity, and at their respective homes they ever after established a steady corre-

spondence hearty and kindly on both sides, which only terminated by the singular coincidence of their decease on the same day, and that day the 4th of July. No similar public event ever roused so great a unanimity of popular sentiment over the land. All party prejudices melted away before this greatest of all monuments, erected in an instant, but certain to remain permanent for ever. C. F. A.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, Aug. 28, 1827, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Davis, Gray, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Ripley, and Savage.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Joshua Coffin, of Newbury, was elected a Resident Member. Rev. John Hutchinson and Hon. Theodoric Bland were elected Corresponding Members.

Mr. Merrill and Mr. Bowdoin, the Scrutinizing Committee.

Mr. Gray was allowed to take from the Library the "Dictionnaire des Ouvrages Anonymes et Pseudonymes" for the use of the Librarian of Harvard College, who is preparing a catalogue of the library of the College.

Dr. Holmes was permitted to take six volumes from the Library to use in preparing a new edition of the Annals.

Mr. Savage communicated an extract from the will of the late Hon. Christopher Gore, bequeathing two

thousand dollars to the Society, to be paid in two years after the death of the wife of the testator.

The Recording Secretary was directed to make a suitable acknowledgment to Mrs. Gore of their sense of her late husband's remembrance of the Society.

The Librarian and Treasurer were appointed a committee to present to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania the whole or such part of the Society's Collections as can be spared.

Dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, Oct. 25, 1827, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Jenks, Merrill, Ripley, Savage, R. Webster, and Winthrop.

Lieutenant-Governor Winthrop in the chair.

Mr. Bowdoin, in the absence of the Secretary, was appointed to take minutes of the doings.

Several books were presented in the names of the donors.

The Librarian was requested to have all the sheets of the Society's Collections folded, as for the binder, for their preservation.

Meeting dissolved.*

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* Hon. Joseph Allen, of Worcester, chosen a member in September, 1808, died Sept. 2, 1827. A memoir of him by Mr. S. F. Haven will be found in this volume on pp. 411–413. — Eds.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1828.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Jan. 31, 1828, — the transactions of the last meeting were read.

Voted, That the President be requested to ask the loan of the first volume of the Records of the First Church in Plymouth, to be published in the Society's Collections.*

Several communications were made by the Corresponding Secretary.

Voted, That the Treasurer, Mr. Hale, and the Librarian be a committee to take into consideration the subject of the deficient volumes of the Collections, and report what is expedient to be done.

Meeting dissolved.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1828.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, April 24, 1828, — in the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. GREENWOOD was chosen Secretary *pro hac vice*.

The officers of the last year were re-elected.

Mr. COOLIDGE and Mr. MERRILL were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, and reported as follows: —

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, a Committee of the Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of

* The Records of the First Church of Plymouth were not printed in the Society's Collections as contemplated. The earlier part was printed by the Rev. Dr. Young in the Chronicles of the Pilgrim Fathers, in 1841, being substantially that which was copied by Secretary Morton from Governor Bradford's manuscript History of Plymouth Plantation. — EDS.

James Savage, Esq., Treasurer of said Society, have this day performed that service, and report that the accounts are well kept, correctly vouched, and properly cast, and that the balance in favor of the Society remaining in his hands, including the notes of Phelps & Farnham for one hundred and sixteen dollars sixty-one cents, which were exhibited to us, amounts to one hundred and eighty-two dollars seventy-eight cents.*

(Signed) JOSEPH COOLIDGE.
JAMES C. MERRILL.

A letter was received from Rev. Dr. Kirkland, resigning his place as member of the Society.

The Committee of the Society for considering the subject of the deficient volumes of the Society's Collections reported that a subscription should be encouraged in the community for sets of the Collections.

Report accepted, and same Committee instructed to carry the plan into execution.†

Adjourned.

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* The receipts were $94 from sales of books, and $188 from admission fees and assessments, making in all $282. The total amount of payments was $369.68, of which sum $350 were paid on account of reprinting Vols. VII. and VIII. of the second series of Collections. — EDS.

† The following paper was prepared and printed as a circular, by which to obtain subscriptions to the Collections: —

"HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS.

"The Massachusetts Historical Society are compelled to make an address to the public for aid in the prosecution of their labors for the elucidation of the annals of our country. By the fire in Court Street, November, 1825, more than two thousand copies of different volumes of their printed Collections were lost, and every copy of two volumes, and almost every copy of three others, perished. The regret felt is greater, because, of these lost volumes one had, but a short time before, been reprinted, to supply the exhaustion occasioned by accidents.

"Since 1826, the Society, acknowledging the just calls of the public to keep up a regular supply of their Collections at all times, have incurred the expense of reprinting two of the lost volumes. But their pecuniary means are ex-

[One Resident Member, Joseph Allen, died during the year. A memoir of him here follows. — Eds.]

Memoir of Hon. Joseph Allen.

Hon. Joseph Allen was a son of James Allen, a merchant of Boston. His mother was sister of Samuel Adams, the distinguished patriot of the Revolution. He was born Sept. 24, 1749. He was at the Grammar School, under the celebrated master, Lovell, from the age of seven to that of fourteen, and is said to have been a favorite pupil. About 1770, after a mercantile apprenticeship, he engaged in business at Leicester, Massachusetts. In 1776, he was appointed to succeed Hon. Levi Lincoln as clerk of the courts, and removed to Worcester. He performed the duties of that office with

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hausted, and, besides the urgent necessity of speedily reprinting the remaining three volumes thus deficient, they have to meet the expense of a new volume of Collections now in the press. The Society will, however, gladly supply the wants of the community, if their volumes now on hand and those to be reprinted can be sold to meet the expenditure.

"They, therefore, propose to the public the following subscription, and engage that subscribers may, immediately upon payment, have all the volumes, except IV. and V. of the first series, and IX. of the second, which may also be received and paid for within a few months, as they respectively issue from the press, by calling on Rev. Dr. William Jenks, Librarian, or James Savage, Treasurer, of said Society.

"It is earnestly desired that this paper be returned before June 1, 1828.

"We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, engage to pay to the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society, for volumes of their Collections, as we have set against our several names.

"Boston, May 1, 1828.

"Subscribers.	First series, ten volumes, at $1.50 each.	Second series, ten volumes, at $1.50 each, except the tenth, and for that $2.	Third series, two volumes, at $1.50 each.	Total."

Eds.

singular accuracy and fidelity till 1810, when he retired, much to the regret of the court and bar. On the death of Mr. Upham, Representative in Congress, Mr. Allen was elected as his successor, but declined to serve a second term. In 1815, and for several subsequent years, he was a member of the State Council. He was a delegate to the Convention which framed the Constitution of Massachusetts, and, on two occasions, served as Elector of President and Vice-President of the United States. He was one of the founders and patrons of Leicester Academy, and long the treasurer of the corporation. He was also the first President of the Worcester County Bible Society.

In all these positions of trust and honor, it is said of him that he was distinguished for that politeness and gracefulness of deportment which was, in some degree, peculiar to the men of his generation. The late Governor Lincoln says of him: "In personal appearance, neatness and appropriateness of attire, and suavity of address, as I recollect him, he was the very impersonation of the graces of the manners of the olden time." *

An obituary notice, written at the time of his death by the late Samuel Jennison, of Worcester, describes his mind and his manners as alike formed on the best models, and speaks of his superior classical attainments.

"Through his whole course," says the same authority, "strict integrity, unblemished honor, and undisguised detestation of whatever was base and unworthy, were predominant traits in the character of Mr. Allen. He was a patriot of the Washington School. Attached to the cause of the Revolution, he enjoyed the confidence and shared in the councils of some of its most distinguished leaders; and, in after life, having treasured up in his memory the details of a long succession of important public events, of which he had been an attentive observer, or with which he had been personally connected, his conver-

* Reminiscences of the Original Associates of the Worcester Fire Society. 1862.

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sation possessed a peculiar interest. He was, besides, familiar with the best English writers, and had stored his mind with their beauties, which his refined and discriminating taste taught him to appreciate with singular accuracy, and to apply with the happiest effect."

Mr. Allen was thrice married, and had a numerous family, of which the Rev. George Allen, of Worcester, is now (1879) the only survivor, at the advanced age of eighty-seven. The eminent jurist, the late Judge Charles Allen, was a younger son. Mr. Allen was chosen a member of the Historical Society on the 7th of September, 1808. He died Sept. 1, 1827, aged seventy-eight. S. F. H.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, Aug. 26, 1828, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Davis, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, and Savage.

A letter from Rev. John Hutchinson was read, signifying his acceptance of the place of Corresponding Member of the Society.*

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* The following is the letter of the Rev. John Hutchinson, which was read at this meeting: —

"TRENTHAM, April 23, 1828.

"SIR, — Could I have foreseen the delay that has occurred in forwarding a copy of Governor Hutchinson's posthumous volume, to be deposited in the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society, I should, immediately on receiving from you the official notification of the vote that constitutes me a Corresponding Member, have acknowledged the honor so unexpectedly conferred on me. In my wish, however, to offer my acknowledgments in the manner that I thought would be most acceptable to the Society, I was unwise enough to defer writing till I could accompany my letter with a copy both of the volume in question, and of the preface which has been attached to the English edition with the especial object of apprising our own public of the share which your Society has had in bringing to light the present work. For myself, individually, I confess that I am deeply interested in the annals of the Massachusetts; and,

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Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to cause the Speaker's chair, presented to the Society by the General Court, to be placed at the head of the table in the Society's room.*

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to afford every facility to the Commissioners for settling the boundary line between the State of Maine and the British possessions to consult the books and papers belonging to the Society.

Voted, That the Society grant permission with pleasure to the Winslow family to deposit the family portraits belonging to them in the Society's room, it being understood that the said portraits are at the risk of the owners, and the Librarian is authorized to give a receipt for the same.†

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as is natural, very peculiarly so with those which relate to the long period during which my ancestors were actively engaged in public affairs, — a period beginning as early as 1634, when the first settler of the same, Captain Edward Hutchinson, received the freedom of the Colony, and only terminating with the final return of the family, one hundred and forty years afterwards, to the country of their allegiance. I therefore thought myself fortunate in meeting in London with a copy of your Historical Collections; and, on an examination of their contents, have found them of such a nature that I shall always hear with much interest of the announcement of an additional volume. Relying on your kindness to convey to the Society an intimation of my grateful acceptance of the distinction which their vote bestows,

"I have the honor to be, Sir, your very obliged and obedient servant,

"John Hutchinson.

"Dr. Holmes." Eds.

* This should probably read the "Speaker's desk," an interesting relic of the Colonial Assembly, which, for many years, until the Dowse Library was built, stood at the head of the table in the Society's principal room, seated at which, in the old Governor Winslow chair, the President of the Society officially presided at its meetings. Both of these relics, though no longer occupying their former places of dignity, are sacredly preserved. A picture and description of each is given in Lossing's "Field Book of the Revolution," I. 562. — Eds.

† For a list and description of the Winslow family portraits deposited in the Society's room, see 3 Collections, VII. 286. — Eds.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, Oct. 30, 1828, — the transactions of the last meeting were read.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to furnish the Commissioners for settling the boundary line between the United States and New Brunswick with Faden's map of the British Colonies in North America, 1777; Eman Bowen's map of British America, in Jefferys's Atlas of 1776; Morse's American Geography, one volume, London; and Sotzmann's map of Maine, — as requested in a communication from the Governor of the Commonwealth,* together with any other

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* The following letter, from His Excellency Governor Lincoln, is on file: —

"EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, Oct. 18, 1828.

"SIR, — I have been requested by the Hon. Messrs. Gallatin and Preble, Commissioners appointed on the part of the United States, pursuant to a convention entered into with the Government of Great Britain, in execution of the fifth article in the Treaty of Ghent, to solicit the loan and obtainment for their use from the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society of the maps and books which are particularly described on the accompanying paper. It is believed that these cannot at all, or in sufficient season, otherwise be had, and the use of them is deemed of the utmost importance to the preparation of the statement of the claims of this Government for the consideration of the Arbiter, and in elucidating and maintaining before him the interests of the country, and especially the rights of property which Massachusetts, in common with the State of Maine, have in the disputed territory.

"I may be permitted to add that, in view of my official duty, I feel great earnestness that the request of the Commissioners may be complied with.

"The maps and books will be preserved with care while in their possession, and there can be little doubt that they will be safely returned.

"Should they, in the first instance, be proposed to be retained by the Arbiter, a representation from this Government that they are the property of a private institution would doubtless procure their restoration. Every exertion which a sense of indebtedness for the favor conferred by the desired accommodation could dictate would be made to prevent disappointment and loss in this respect.

"It will give me pleasure to offer personally any further explanations in reference to this application which may be required, and to give every assurance

documents that may be wanted by the Commissioners for the purpose of facilitating the objects of their appointment; and that the Librarian shall cause such endorsement to be made on the documents as shall secure their possession to the Society.*

Voted, That the President be authorized to express to Mr. Schoolcraft the willingness of the Society to receive his essay on the Chippewa language on the terms proposed in his letter; viz., to be published in the Society's Collections, Mr. Schoolcraft to be furnished with fifty copies in a pamphlet form, and to retain the property of the memoir.†

Señor Manuel Lorenzo Vidaurré, Mr. Gallatin, and Mr. Timothy Flint, of Cincinnati, were nominated Corresponding Members of the Society. Hon. Nathan Dane, William B. Sprague, D.D., of West Springfield, and Joseph Willard, Esq., of Lancaster, were nominated by the Standing Committee Resident Members.

Meeting dissolved. ‡

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY 29, 1829.

There not being a quorum present, the meeting was adjourned to Thursday, the 19th of February, at twelve o'clock.

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for the return of the maps and books which the circumstances of the case will justify.

"I have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servant,

"LEVI LINCOLN.

"To the Hon. Judge DAVIS,
President of the Massachusetts Historical Society." EDS.

* In the margin, against this vote, is written in red ink, "See *post*, April 1835, May 1835, July 1840, October 1840, April 1841, July 1841, August 1841, October 1841, December 1841, February 1842, June 1852." — EDS.

† Mr. Schoolcraft's paper was not printed in the Society's Collections. — EDS.

‡ John Mellen, elected a Resident Member in October, 1792, died Sept. 19, 1828. A memoir of him by the Rev. William Newell, D.D., will be found in this volume on pp. 420, 421. — EDS.

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ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, Feb. 19, 1829, — the members present were, Bradford, Coffin, Davis, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, Pierce, Savage, and Snow.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

Several communications were read by the Librarian, accompanying books and documents presented to the Society.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to loan to Mr. George W. Brimmer the portrait of Governor Hutchinson in the possession of the Society, that a copy may be taken for a relative in England.*

Voted, That the Recording Secretary be requested to write to each of the members of the Publishing Committee, stating it as the wish of the Society that the volume now in preparation be published before the next meeting, or that a report be made by the Committee at that meeting of the reasons for the delay.†

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* This portrait of Governor Hutchinson is supposed to be painted by Copley, and is described in a list of his works printed by our associate, Mr. A. T. Perkins, in a book entitled "Sketch of the Life and some of the Works of J. S. Copley," 1873, at pp. 76, 77. It seems from a record made on p. 101 of the present volume that the Society came into possession of the portrait in 1796, but we do not learn from what source.

The portrait was engraved in 1847, and the engraving copyrighted by Nathaniel Dearborn, according to an inscription upon it, as published in a volume called "Boston Notions," Boston, 1848, p. 263. Yet the portrait was issued in the October number of the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register" for 1847, and those copies were inscribed as engraved for that periodical. Some years later, this portrait was inserted in some copies of Drake's "History of Boston."

Mention is made in the English "Notes and Queries" for Jan. 16, 1869, of a portrait of Governor Hutchinson in the State House of Massachusetts, but no portrait of Governor Hutchinson hangs there. The Society possesses also another portrait of Governor Hutchinson, signed "Edward Truman, pinx., 1741," presented by Peter Wainwright, Jun., Esq., in September, 1835. See these Proceedings under that date. — Eds.

† The volume then in preparation (Vol. II., third series) was not published till about January of the following year, 1830. The Society were naturally impatient for a new volume, as the previous volume bore date 1825. — Eds.

Voted, That Mr. Savage be requested to write to Mr. John Farmer to procure a work entitled the "New England's Salamander" for the Society on the most favorable terms.*

Voted, That it be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to publish after each meeting a list of the donations and of the persons elected members at that meeting.

Señor Vidaurré, Mr. Gallatin, and Mr. Flint were elected Corresponding Members. Nathan Dane, LL.D., William B. Sprague, D.D.,† and Joseph Willard, Esq., Resident Members of the Society.

Professor C. C. Rafn, Ph.D., of Copenhagen, and Chevalier Pedersen, Minister from Denmark, were nominated Corresponding Members.

Meeting dissolved.

ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1829.

At a meeting of the Society, April 30, 1829, — the members present were, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Nichols, Palfrey, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, R. Webster, and Winthrop.

The officers of the last year were re-elected. Mr. Nichols and Mr. Webster, the Scrutinizing Committee.

Professor Rafn and Chevalier Pedersen were elected Corresponding Members. Mr. Nichols and Mr. Ripley, Scrutinizing Committee.

The Committee for the publication of the second volume, third series, did not make a report, as they had been requested to do.

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* This book was printed in the volume of Collections issued in 1830. — Eds.

† Dr. Sprague declined membership. — Eds.

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Mr. NICHOLS, a member of that Committee, stated that he had some time since prepared the article assigned him, and that he would do all in his power to effect the publication of a volume forthwith.*

Mr. WEBSTER and Mr. NICHOLS were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, and made the following report, viz.: —

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of James Savage, Treasurer of said Society, have this day performed the service, and report that the accounts are well kept, sufficiently vouched, and correctly cast, and that the balance in favor of the Society remaining in his hands, including two notes of Phelps & Farnham for seventy-seven dollars seventy-seven cents, which were exhibited to us, amounts to fifty-one dollars seventy-four cents.†

(Signed) REDFORD WEBSTER.
BENJ. R. NICHOLS.

April 30, 1829.

Voted, To suspend the operation of the vote relative to the publication of donations and the names of members elected till the meeting next after the publication of the volume now in the press.

The Corresponding Secretary made the usual communications.

Voted, That the Committee appointed at the annual meeting in April, 1827, be authorized to consider of any project for obtaining a more safe and commodious room for the Society; and, whenever

* The article prepared by Mr. Nichols was a very valuable account of the Plymouth Colony Records. — EDS.

† The receipts amounted to $119.13, of which sum $52 were for assessments, $60 for sales of books, and $7.13 for interest on one of three notes of Phelps & Farnham, given in May, 1826, and entered as cash at that time. The final payment on these notes was not made until 1839. The payments for the year amounted to $250.17, and included $220.25 for printing and $22.45 for binding. — EDS.

prepared to report on any encouraging result, that the Recording Secretary be directed to call a special meeting of the Society on request of the Chairman; and that said Committee be enlarged by the addition of Mr. Nichols and Mr. Savage.

Meeting dissolved.*

[Two Resident Members died during the past year, — John Mellen and Aaron Dexter, — memoirs of whom, not having before appeared in the Society's volumes, here follow. — EDS.]

Notice of Rev. John Mellen.

The Rev. John Mellen, son of Rev. John Mellen, of Sterling, was born July 8, 1752, graduated at Harvard College in 1770, and was Tutor in that institution from 1780 to 1783. In 1783, he was ordained as pastor of the East Congregational Church in Barnstable. His ministry of seventeen years was a happy and successful one, and he won the entire esteem and affection of his people. But, in 1800, on account of his wife's ill health in Barnstable, he resigned his ministerial charge, and removed with his family to Cambridge, where he spent the remainder of his days. In 1806, he was appointed by the College Corporation to what was then regarded as an important and honorable office, as one of the managers of the Harvard College Lottery (granted that year by the General Court on a memorial from the Corporation), from the proceeds of which Holworthy Hall was erected, in 1811, at an expense of $24,500, as Stoughton Hall had been a few years before by a previous lottery, similarly granted. Many years before his death, his sight began to fail, and he at length became totally blind. But he bore the trial with

* Dr. Aaron Dexter, elected a member in May, 1792, died Feb. 28, 1829. A memoir of him by Mr. C. C. Smith will be found on pp. 421–423 of this volume. — EDS.

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admirable cheerfulness and equanimity, and still charmed the circle of his friends by the agreeableness of his conversation, the sweetness of his temper, and the courtesy of his manners. He died Sept. 19, 1828, aged seventy-six, beloved and venerated by all who knew him.

During his ministry at Barnstable, several of his discourses were published, — the Election Sermon in 1797, a funeral sermon on the death of Mrs. Sarah Alden in 1797, the Dudleian Lecture in 1799, and a funeral sermon on the death of Judge Daniel Davis, of Barnstable, in 1799, from a part of the text in Daniel vi. 3, "This Daniel was preferred, because an excellent spirit was in him"; besides a sermon on the death of I. Dunster in 1791, a masonic discourse in 1793, a Thanksgiving sermon in 1794 and in 1795, and a dedication sermon in the same year. These discourses, though neither profound nor brilliant, are well suited to the occasions on which they were delivered, and are marked by clear thought, just views, and a pure and perspicuous style.

Mr. Mellen was a brother of Chief-Justice Prentiss Mellen, of Portland, and one of his daughters, Catharine, was married to Professor Levi Frisbie, of Harvard University, and, some years after his death, to James Hayward, Esq., the engineer. W. N.

Notice of Aaron Dexter, M.D.

Aaron Dexter was the son of Richard and Rebecca (Peabody) Dexter, and was born at Malden, Nov. 11, 1750. His earliest American ancestor was Richard Dexter, admitted a townsman of Boston in 1642, whose estate in Charlestown. on the Mystic side, descended through five generations. The Hon. Samuel Dexter, of Dedham, a Senator from Massachusetts in the Congress of the United States, Secretary of War and Secretary of the Treasury in the administration of John Adams, was from the same stock. Aaron Dexter's father was

a farmer, in prosperous circumstances, and, like many of his contemporaries, was desirous of giving to one of his sons a liberal education. The subject of this memoir accordingly entered Harvard College at an age considerably above that at which boys then went to Cambridge. He was graduated in 1776. After leaving college, he studied medicine with Dr. Samuel Danforth, and during the Revolution he made several voyages as ship's surgeon. In one of these he was captured by the British, and carried into Halifax. He suffered great hardships while a prisoner, but was finally exchanged; and, near the close of the war, he established himself as a physician in Boston, where he soon gained a distinguished rank in his profession.

In 1783, he was appointed Professor of Chemistry and Materia Medica in Harvard College; and this office he held until 1816, when he resigned, and the duties of the professorship were divided. In 1787, he was married to Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Amory, of Boston. In 1792, he was chosen a member of the Historical Society, — one of the first six members added after the organization of the Society; and he was one of the Publishing Committee for the third volume of Collections. He was also a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and for many years an officer of the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Agricultural Society, and the Humane Society. Of the last two societies he was for several years President. His interest, however, was not confined to literary, charitable, or professional objects, and he was one of the early advocates for the construction of the Middlesex Canal and of Craigie's Bridge, and he was President of the Canal corporation. At the time of Shays's rebellion, he was an active supporter of the Government, and went on the winter campaign which crushed the insurrection. He had an inherited taste for agriculture, and owned an extensive farm in Chelsea, which was afterward sold to the United States for the erection of a Marine Hospital. His

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social habits are shown by his connection with the Wednesday Evening Club, of which he was one of the earliest members, and with the Anthology Club, to whose active interest in literature the foundation of the Boston Athenæum and the establishment of the North American Review are traced. He died at Cambridge, Feb. 28, 1829, honored alike as a chemist, a physician, and a citizen. It is believed that Dr. Dexter's only publications were two papers contributed to the Transactions of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

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QUARTERLY MEETING.

Aug. 25, 1829. The Society met and adjourned, without doing business, to Sept. 1, 1829.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Sept. 1, 1829, —

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Judge Haliburton, of Nova Scotia, for his History of Nova Scotia, and to Dr. Hosack, of New York, for his Memoir of De Witt Clinton.

Voted, That John Lowell, Esq., be requested to prepare a memoir of the Hon. D. A. Tyng, and the President a memoir of Samuel Davis, Esq., for the Collections.*

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* Dudley Atkins Tyng, elected a member in April, 1793, died Aug. 1, 1829. Mr. Lowell's memoir of him is in 3 Collections, II. 280–295.

Samuel Davis, elected a member in January, 1812, died July 10, 1829. A brief sketch of him by an unknown hand, but probably by that of Nahum Mitchell, is in 3 Collections, V. 253–255. — Eds.

Thomas C. Haliburton, Esq., of Nova Scotia, was nominated a Corresponding Member by Dr. Webster; Washington Irving, Esq., by Mr. Savage; and James Grahame, Esq., by the President.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Oct. 29, 1829, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Bradford, Davis, Hale, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Prince, Ripley, Savage, Snow, R. Webster, Willard, and Worcester.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

Thomas C. Haliburton, Esq., of Nova Scotia, Washington Irving, Esq., and James Grahame, Esq., were elected Corresponding Members.

Mr. Merrill and Mr. Ripley were the Scrutinizing Committee.

Voted, That Mr. Sparks be allowed to take from the Library such a number of books as he may need for the objects he has in view, at the discretion of the Librarian.

Mr. Hale, Dr. Harris, Dr. Snow, and Mr. Bowdoin were chosen a committee for the publication of the third volume of the third series.

Dr. Snow was chosen a member of the Committee for preparing the index to the third series, in the place of Mr. Spooner, deceased.*

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* "See April, 1823, first appointment; and see July, 1836." Marginal note. — Eds.

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D. B. Warden, Esq., was nominated a Corresponding Member by Dr. Harris.

A letter from Professor Rafn was read, acknowledging his receipt of the certificate of his election, and returning his thanks for the honor.*

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1830.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Jan. 28, 1830, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Davis, Gardner, Harris, Holmes, Lowell, Ripley, Savage, Snow, and R. Webster.

Transactions read.

Mr. WARDEN was elected a Corresponding Member.

Mr. RIPLEY and Dr. SNOW, the Scrutinizing Committee.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to deliver to any booksellers in Boston and Cambridge copies of any volume of the Society's Collections, to be sold for the Society, at a commission not exceeding ten per cent on the receipts.

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* The following is Professor Rafn's letter of acceptance: —

"COPENHAGEN, 4th June, 1829.

"SIR, — I beg leave to request that you will convey to the President and members of the Massachusetts Historical Society my respectful acknowledgments for the honor which they have conferred upon me.

"Be pleased to accept of my thanks for your kindness in communicating to me the agreeable intelligence.

"My work, 'Antiquitates Americanæ,' of which I shall have the honor to send to the Society a copy when it is ready, I am now come so far with that I, in some weeks, intend to begin with the printing, as likewise the finishing of the map of the old North America, according to the old Icelanders' informations.

"Believe me to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

"C. C. RAFN.

"To the Rev. CHARLES LOWELL, D.D., Secretary,
Massachusetts Historical Society," &c.

EDS.

Voted, That the price of the second volume of the third series, just published, be one dollar seventy-five cents.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Bowdoin for the presentation of the plates in the volume just published.*

At the request of the President, Mr. NAHUM MITCHELL was appointed to prepare a memoir of Samuel Davis, Esq.†

Voted, That the former vote on the subject be so far modified as that the Corresponding Secretary publish a list of the donations and of the members elected at least once a year.

Mr. GARDNER and Mr. BOWDOIN were appointed the committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

JOHN LOWELL, Esq., was appointed to prepare a memoir of the late Dr. Dexter.‡

Voted, That the Librarian procure a suitable book for the purpose of entering the donations, to be kept in the room. §

Voted, That a committee be appointed to address the city authorities on the subject of a centennial celebration of the settlement of Boston. The President, Mr. Winthrop, Mr. Savage, and Dr. Harris were appointed. ‖

Meeting dissolved.

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* Mr. Bowdoin prepared an elaborate account of some "Manuscript Journals of the Long, Little, &c. Parliaments," in the New York Historical Society, which was published in the volume then just issued; and he caused some lithographic plates to be prepared, to show the water-marks on the paper on which these Journals were written. — EDS.

† See *ante*, p. 423, note. — EDS.

‡ Mr. Lowell failed to perform the duty assigned to him. See p. 420, note. — EDS.

§ The earliest donation book of the Society begins in 1830. — EDS.

‖ There is no record of any action having been taken by this committee on the subject referred to them. — EDS.

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ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1830.

At a meeting of the Society, April 29, 1830, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Bradford, Coffin, Davis, Gray, Greenwood, Hale, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Palfrey, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Snow, R. Webster, and Winthrop.

The President communicated a letter from the Librarian of the House of Delegates of Virginia, accompanying a map of the State of Virginia, presented by the Library Committee of the General Assembly.*

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the Committee for this valuable donation.

The officers of the last year were re-elected.†

Dr. Bradford and Mr. Coffin, the Scrutinizing Committee.

Voted, That this Society defray one-third of the expense incurred in conjunction with the Boston Library Committee for repairs on the building.

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* This was a large and elegant map of Virginia, made in 1826, and was entitled, "A Map of the State of Virginia constructed, in conformity to law, from the late surveys authorized by the Legislature, and other original and authentic documents. By Herman Böye." It was engraved by H. S. Tanner, and was five feet by eight in size. — Eds.

† The receipts for the year were $176.55, of which sum $127 were for assessments, and $49.55 for sales of books. The payments amounted to $159.38, and included $152.58 on account of printing. The report of the Auditing Committee, entered on the Treasurer's book, is as follows: "We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, a committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, appointed to examine the accounts of James Savage, Treasurer of said Society, have this day performed the service, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, whereby a balance in favor of the Society appears in his hands of $68.91 (sixty-eight $\frac{91}{100}$ dollars), but therein are included two notes, amounting to $77.74 (seventy-seven $\frac{74}{100}$ dollars), which were exhibited to us.

"Samuel P. Gardner } Committee.
James Bowdoin }

"Boston, 29th April, 1830." Eds.

A letter was received from Hon. John Pickering, resigning his place in the Society.

Voted, To postpone the consideration of this letter to the next meeting.

Voted, That the papers from the Old South Library be kept distinct with the books from the same Library.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be directed to revise the Laws and Regulations of the Society, and report at the next meeting.

A proposition having been made that a person be employed to arrange the books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, under the direction of the Librarian,

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to make a report to the Standing Committee of what is needed, and that they be authorized to act in the premises.*

Hon. Alexander H. Everett, Mr. Lemuel Shattuck, Mr. Isaac P. Davis, Mr. Alonzo Lewis, and Rev. Joseph

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* The Librarian addressed the following letter to the President of the Society: —

"DEAR SIR, — As you have desired me to give you my views of what is wanting in the present condition of the Library, I would mention: 1. That there is a multiplicity of articles — books, pamphlets, papers of different kinds — known or supposed to be in it, but which it is not practicable to find by any existing catalogue or index. 2. That the catalogue itself needs, therefore, to be completed. Also, 3. It is expedient the loose newspapers, before the Revolution especially, be arranged for binding, and the deficiencies noticed, for previous supply, if practicable. 4. That the unarranged books and pamphlets be placed in their proper order, and the latter prepared at least for binding.

"This being a work requiring considerable labor, time, and attention, and a member of the Society, Mr. J. Coffin, being now desirous of occupation in it, may I be permitted to suggest the employment of him, for a period not exceeding three months, which will, as I judge, be adequate to the accomplishment of the object?

"Most respectfully, dear Sir, your obedient servant,

"WM. JENKS, Librarian.

"May, 1830.

"To the Hon. JOHN DAVIS, Esq., LL.D.,
President of the Massachusetts Historical Society." EDS.

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B. Felt were nominated as Resident Members by the Standing Committee.*

Meeting dissolved.†

[Three Resident Members died since the last annual meeting, — Samuel Davis, Dudley A. Tyng, and William Tudor. A memoir of Mr. Tudor, not having appeared in the Society's volumes, is here furnished. — Eds.]

Notice of William Tudor, Jr.

The subject of this notice was born in Boston, Jan. 28, 1779, and was the eldest son of William and Delia (Jarvis) Tudor. His father was one of the original members of the Historical Society, and its first Treasurer; and from both parents the son inherited marked abilities and refined tastes. He was prepared for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, and at an early age was sent to Cambridge, where he graduated in 1796. It was his father's wish that he should engage in a mercantile life; and, on leaving college, he entered a counting-room in his native town. Here he showed a zealous devotion to the interest of his employer, and an unimpeachable integrity; and, on reaching manhood, he was sent as a confidential agent to Paris. He spent about a year abroad, mostly in Paris; and, though his financial suc-

* The Hon. Daniel Kilham, elected a Resident Member in April, 1798, was "considered as having resigned his place in the Society," April 29, 1830. — Eds.

† William Tudor, chosen a member in April, 1816, died March 9, 1830. The memoir which is here given has been furnished by Mr. C. C. Smith. The Hon. George S. Hillard had readily acceded to the request of the Committee to prepare a memoir of Mr. Tudor, with a critical estimate of his writings, and had completed his preparation for such a notice, but had written no part of it, when his death, on the 21st of January, 1879, after these pages were in type, made other arrangements necessary. — Eds.

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cess was not what had been hoped for, he made many personal friends, and largely increased his stores of knowledge. It is probable that even at this early period he had a greater inclination toward literary pursuits than toward a business career.

However, shortly after his return, his father provided him with a small capital, and he sailed for Leghorn. This voyage was not successful; but, as before, he spent about a year in Europe, gathering the best fruits of a residence abroad. Subsequently, he visited France, Germany, Holland, and England, returning home with a deeply increased love of letters, and with various acquisitions of knowledge; and he became one of the founders of the Anthology Club, and a frequent contributor to its monthly magazine. From these congenial occupations he was soon drawn away; and, in 1805, he went to the West Indies with his cousin, the late Hon. James Savage, to act as agent for his brother, Frederic Tudor, who had already formed the plan of shipping ice to warm climates. The quantity of ice at first sent out was small, — only one hundred and thirty tons, says Mr. Frederic Tudor, in his letter printed in the Proceedings of this Society for January, 1856, — but the result of the experiment was satisfactory. Mr. Tudor remained in the West Indies for seven months, and then returned home. Not long after his return, he was chosen one of the Representatives of Boston in the State Legislature; and, in 1809, he delivered the customary Fourth of July oration in Boston, which passed through two editions. In the following year, he was selected to deliver the Phi Beta Kappa address at Cambridge; but his departure for Europe before the date of the anniversary prevented the delivery of his address. Five years afterward, he delivered an address before that Society on the Aborigines, which was printed in the second volume of the "North American Review."

Of that journal Mr. Tudor was the founder and first editor, and to the first four volumes he was the largest contributor;

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but, at the end of two years, he relinquished the editorial care of the work to Mr. Sparks, and only three of his articles are of later date than the fourth volume. Mr. Tudor was chosen a member of the Historical Society in April, 1816, and to the eighth volume of the second series of the Collections he contributed an extended memoir of his father. This is his only known contribution to the Society's publications; but, from 1820 to 1824, he was a member of the Standing Committee. In 1817, he delivered an address before the Massachusetts Humane Society, which was afterward printed; and, two years later, he published a volume, entitled "Letters from the Eastern States," which attracted much notice on its publication, but is now well-nigh forgotten. If Mr. Tudor had written nothing else, this work, which reached a second edition in 1821, would fully justify the reputation he enjoyed among his contemporaries. Though it is cast in the form of familiar letters, the style has few marks of haste or negligence. The observations are those of a keen-eyed critic, who had enjoyed a large familiarity with the best society at home and abroad; and, as a picture of New England life and an authentic record of the prevailing tendencies of New England thought at the time when it was written, it has a real and permanent value.

In 1823, he published the ablest and best known of his works, his "Life of James Otis." Unfortunately, the materials were scanty; but the memoir was written in a vigorous and polished style, and is characterized by broad and just views, and it is not likely to be superseded. Mr. Bowen did not exaggerate its merits when he wrote, in the preface to his own brief and admirable sketch of the life of Otis, in Mr. Sparks's "American Biography": "The 'Life of James Otis,' by the late William Tudor, is one of the most pleasing and instructive biographies in the whole range of American literature. It is a fine specimen of historical research and literary taste and skill, leaving but few particulars to be

gathered by the subsequent inquirer respecting the personal history of the individual commemorated."

In the same year in which this volume was published, Mr. Tudor was appointed consul of the United States for Lima; and, in November, he embarked for South America. His duties in this office were discharged in a manner alike advantageous to his country and creditable to himself. In the summer of 1827, he received the appointment of Chargé d'Affaires of the United States at Rio de Janeiro; but his health had become seriously impaired, and it was not until a year afterward that he was able to undertake the journey across the continent to his new and more responsible post. At Rio de Janeiro, he concluded a treaty, settling many outstanding claims of the United States against the Brazilian government in a manner several times warmly commended by President John Quincy Adams in his Diary. On his death, Mr. Adams wrote an obituary notice in the "National Intelligencer"; and he meditated preparing a more extended memoir for the "North American Review," but this purpose was relinquished. While at Rio de Janeiro, Mr. Tudor wrote a work, entitled "Gebel Teir," which was published, anonymously, in 1829, and in which, in the form of an allegory, he gives his opinions in regard to the condition and policy of the United States and of several of the European powers.*

Mr. Tudor died of a fever at Rio de Janeiro, March 9, 1830. Among his contemporaries, he enjoyed a high reputation as a scholar, a writer, and an amiable and accomplished

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* The copy of this work in the Library of the Society has the following memorandum on the fly-leaf, in the handwriting of Mr. Ticknor: —

"'Gebel Teir' was written by the Hon. William Tudor, while he was Charge d'Affaires of the United States at Rio de Janeiro, from which place he sent the manuscript to me; and I caused it to be published, preserving strictly, as he desired me to do, his incognito. As it seems to me, and to those of his nearest friends whom I have consulted, to be no longer desirable to conceal the fact of its authorship, I deposit this copy with the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"GEORGE TICKNOR.

"BOSTON, Jan. 29, 1846."

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gentleman. He was one of the founders of the Boston Athenæum, and to him is due the first suggestion of the monument on Bunker Hill. Faithful in the discharge of every trust confided to him, indefatigable in labor, with a ripe and various culture, and the master of a clear and, in general, correct style, he happily blended the character of a scholar with that of a man of affairs, and his death at the age of fifty-one was a public loss. C. C. S.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, Aug. 24, 1830, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Davis, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Ripley, Savage, Snow, R. Webster, Willard, and Worcester.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

The President stated that he had returned an answer to the communication from Virginia.*

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* The following is Judge Davis's letter acknowledging the large map of Virginia, reported at the last meeting as presented by the Library Committee of the General Assembly of Virginia: —

"Boston, June 9th, 1830.

"Sir, — Your letter of March 9th, in behalf of the Library Committee of the Senate and House of Delegates of Virginia, addressed to the President of the Massachusetts Historical Society, came duly to hand, with the Resolve of the Library Committee, which it enclosed. The large and elegant map of Virginia, therein mentioned, presented to the Society by the Committee, representing in that behalf the General Assembly of Virginia, was exhibited to the Society at a late meeting in this city, and your letter with the accompanying Resolve were then communicated. In behalf of the Society, and by their direction, I have the honor to present to you and to the Library Committee and to the General Assembly their grateful acknowledgments for this acceptable donation, which they consider as a very valuable addition to their historical and statistical collections.

"The scale on which this map is constructed, and the style in which it is executed, are honorable to your State. Virginia, habitually true to herself, has given an exhibition of her extensive and interesting domain in a manner corre-

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A list of donations was communicated by the Librarian.

Mr. Alexander H. Everett, Mr. Lemuel Shattuck, Mr. Isaac P. Davis, Mr. Alonzo Lewis, and Mr. Joseph B. Felt were elected Resident Members.

Communications from Mr. George Templeman and Mr. Samuel Hazard on the subject of an exchange of volumes of the Collections for certain documents were committed to Mr. Savage and Mr. Worcester.

Voted, That the Librarian be allowed to furnish Mr. Peirce with any documents he may wish to consult, which may be important in preparing a History of the University in Cambridge, he complying with the rules of the Society on that subject.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be authorized to adopt or concur in such measures as it may be proper for this Society to engage in, relative to the approaching centennial celebration.*

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sponding to her character. It must be gratifying to every patriot and philanthropist to contemplate this faithful and splendid representation of a region ever fruitful in great and generous minds, and destined, we would hope, to continue for ages the cherished abode of a free, enlightened, and happy people, — a distinguished luminary in our constellation of republics.

"Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

"John Davis, President,
Massachusetts Historical Society.

"Wm. H. Richardson, Esq.,
C. C. of Virginia and Librarian." Eds.

* The city of Boston celebrated, on the 17th of September, 1830, the two hundredth anniversary of the settlement of the town. An oration was delivered by the Hon. Josiah Quincy, a poem was read by Charles Sprague, Esq., and an ode by the Rev. John Pierpont, in the Old South Church.

It appears by the account of the proceedings given in the "Boston Daily Advertiser" that, at eight o'clock on the morning of that day, the Mayor and Aldermen and Common Council of the city assembled for the first time in their respective chambers, fitted for their accommodation in the "Old State House" (thereafter to be called the "City Hall"); and, after they had despatched such business as required the attention of the two Boards, they convened in the Common Council Chamber, and the Mayor, the Hon. Harrison Gray Otis, delivered an address of considerable length. The city government then proceeded to the State House, where a large number of citizens had assembled, and joined the procession which, at half-past nine o'clock, was formed under the direction of

Voted, That Mr. Savage be requested to prepare a memoir of our late respected associate, Mr. Tudor, for the Collections.*

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, Oct. 28, 1830, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Davis, A. H. Everett, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, J. C. Merrill, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, R. Webster, and Winthrop.

Transactions of the last meeting read.

General William Sullivan, Chief Marshal of the day, agreeably to the order described in the regulations previously published. This included the Historical Society and other historical and literary associations. The procession, under the escort of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, proceeded down Beacon Street, entering the Common at the north-western part, and passed through two lines formed of several thousand children of the public schools, there assembled under the charge of their teachers; continuing through the principal streets, they arrived, at eleven o'clock, at the Old South Church, where the principal exercises mentioned above were performed.

"A large number of citizens," says the "Advertiser," "then proceeded to Faneuil Hall, where a collation was prepared for their entertainment, at which the Hon. Charles Wells presided.

"A dinner was also provided at the Exchange Coffee-House, to which about a hundred gentlemen sat down, including many members of the Historical Society. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, a direct descendant of Governor Winthrop, who was chief among the founders of the city, presided, and a truly convivial spirit, animated by the recollections which the exercises of the day excited, prevailed on the occasion. The appropriate toasts and sentiments which were given, and the addresses from several of the guests, made the occasion one of high intellectual entertainment. Among the gentlemen who made speeches, in introduction of the toasts, for which they were called on by the President, were Mr. Webster, the Governor of the Commonwealth, Mr. E. Everett, Mr. Saltonstall, and Mr. Palfrey."

In the evening, the Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop, Lieutenant-Governor, gave a large reception at his house on Beacon Street. — Eds.

* Mr. Savage was excused from the performance of this duty by a vote of the Society, Aug. 27, 1833, and Mr. Adams was appointed in his place; but Mr. Adams failed to perform the duty assigned to him. See *ante*, p. 429. — Eds.

Letters from Mr. Everett and Mr. Felt, accepting their appointment to a place in the Society, were communicated.

The subject of sorting the books and pamphlets, &c., was postponed till the Committee on procuring a more suitable room for the Society shall report.

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Committee respecting an exchange of volumes, reported, which report was recommitted to the same Committee.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be directed to make a nomination of Resident Members at the next meeting.

Meeting dissolved.*

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1831.

At a meeting of the Society, Jan. 27, 1831, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Davis, I. P. Davis, Hale, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Palfrey, Pierce, Ripley, and R. Webster.

Transactions of the last meeting read.

The Standing Committee of the Society reported a nomination of four persons; viz., Hon. Lemuel Shaw, James T. Austin, Rev. Benjamin B. Wisner, and Convers Francis, as Resident Members.

Communications of correspondence and donations by the Corresponding Secretary.

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* Elisha Clap, of Boston, chosen a member in October, 1812, died Oct. 22, 1830. A notice of him by Hon. James M. Robbins will be found in this volume on pp. 438–440. — EDS.

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Rev. Henry Channing, of New London, was nominated a Corresponding Member by the President.

A copy of a letter from Oliver Cromwell to John Cotton, received from Hon. John C. Smith, and communicated by the Corresponding Secretary, was referred to the Publishing Committee.*

Voted, That the list of the donations and of the members elected the last year, be published in the "Daily Advertiser."

A circular letter from the Rhode Island Historical Society, communicated by the Corresponding Secretary, was committed to Hon. Edward Everett.

Meeting dissolved.

ANNUAL MEETING, April, 1831.

At a meeting of the Society, April 28, 1831, — the members present were, President, Recording Secretary, Bowdoin, Coffin, Pierce, and Savage.

Transactions of the last meeting read.

Mr. Merrill and Mr. Snelling were appointed the committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

The President communicated the intention of Jonathan Phillips, Esq., to present to the Society a portrait of Mr. Prince, the annalist. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Phillips.

Voted, That the Massachusetts Historical Society do hereby discharge any lien which they may have upon the real estate of which

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* Probably a copy of the letter printed in Hutchinson's Collection of Papers, p. 236, the original of which was sold, in 1854, in London, for thirty-six guineas, and is now in the possession of Mr. James Lenox, of New York. — Eds.

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Christopher Gore, Esq., late of Waltham, died seized, situate upon Boston Neck, in the city of Boston, for payment of the legacy given to the said corporation by the will of said deceased.*

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to obtain return of the two volumes borrowed from the Library, July 5, 1816, — viz., Bibliotheca Americana and Kennett's American Library, — for the late Isaiah Thomas, Esq.†

Voted, To postpone the choice of officers to the adjourned meeting.

Meeting adjourned to May 5th.

[Two Resident Members died since the last annual meeting, — Elisha Clap and Isaiah Thomas, — neither of whom has been commemorated in the Society's volumes. Their memoirs here follow. — EDS.]

Notice of Elisha Clap.

Mr. Elisha Clap was born in Dorchester, June 25, 1776, the son of Lemuel and Rebecca Clap, the latter being the daughter of Rev. Samuel Dexter, of Dedham, whose descendants for five generations have been among the most honored citizens of Massachusetts. Lemuel Clap was the captain of one of the Dorchester companies enlisted in 1775 in the Continental service, and assisted at the fortification of Dorchester Heights, 1776, and afterward served at Noddle's Island. Elisha was the third of five sons of his parents, and early

* Governor Gore bequeathed to the Society two thousand dollars, subject to the life interest of his wife; and the discharge here given was at the request of Mr. N. I. Bowditch, in a letter on file, in order to facilitate the settlement of the estate. The American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and also Harvard College, were beneficiaries of Governor Gore's bounty. — EDS.

† Isaiah Thomas, of Worcester, chosen a member in April, 1811, died April 4, 1831. A notice of him by Mr. George Dexter will be found in this volume on pp. 440–444. Of the two volumes which Mr. Thomas had borrowed of the Society, the first, by J. Homer (see Society's Catalogue, I. 607), was soon after, in this year, returned to the Library. The ownership of the second (Catalogue, I. 668), was for a time contested, but it was returned to the Society in January, 1836, "full proof having been given of its belonging to the Library." — EDS.

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manifested a great fondness for books, which circumstance doubtless induced his father to direct his studies to a preparation for a college education, and he was admitted at Harvard College in 1793. He pursued his collegiate course with much credit, in a class which contained Horace Binney, John C. Warren, Daniel A. White, and Professor Stearns. Upon receiving his degree, he was appointed by the College government Greek Tutor, which office he continued to fill for two years. He then devoted himself to a preparation for the ministry, preached for a short time, and was invited to settle at Fitchburg; but, before accepting this opportunity, a new career opened itself to him, which became his occupation to the end of his life. In the year 1804, several gentlemen in the county of Barnstable obtained from the Legislature a charter and an endowment for an academy at Sandwich; and the recommendation of Mr. Clap's qualifications as a classical teacher, from his Cambridge friends, produced an invitation to him to fill the place of Principal at the new institution. He accepted the appointment, and commenced his duties at Sandwich in 1804, and continued a successful course in that place for twelve years, fitting many pupils for the University, and giving a character to the school which attracted scholars from the different parts of the State. After a twelve years' service at Sandwich, he was induced by the solicitation of gentlemen acquainted with his reputation to resign his situation, and devote himself to the education of their sons in Boston; and, about 1816, he opened a private school there. He continued to pursue his calling successfully for more than ten years, until his labors were suspended by the loss of health, which occasioned several visits to the South, but he never recovered his wonted condition. He married Miss Mary Paine, the eldest daughter of Robert Treat Paine, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, with whom he spent happily the last five years of his life, which terminated Oct. 22, 1830. His personal history, from the nature

of his profession, contains but little variety. He was fond of scientific studies, devoted much time to astronomy, and early became a member of the Academy of Arts and Sciences. His fondness for historical researches occasioned his election to the Historical Society in 1812, and he continued an attentive and useful member for eighteen years. J. M. B.

Memoir of Isaiah Thomas.

The second edition of the "History of Printing in America," published by the American Antiquarian Society, in 1874, is prefaced by an admirable memoir of its author, prepared by his distinguished grandson, Judge Benjamin Franklin Thomas. The editors of this present publication had confidently expected that their learned associate would furnish for these Proceedings a condensation of that memoir. Alas! that the hand of the Great Destroyer, Death, has transferred that task to a less worthy pen! I shall attempt nothing but a summary of Judge Thomas's biography.

Isaiah Thomas, the youngest son of Moses and Fidelity (Grant) Thomas, was born in Boston, Jan. 19, 1749, old style. His father was through life a rolling stone, and, true to the proverb, "gathered no moss." His death, after a career that embraced the varied and successive occupations of soldier, mariner, trader, farmer, and schoolmaster, left his widow with five children, destitute of worldly goods. Two elder children, born during the parents' residence on Long Island, were kindly adopted by relatives of the mother living in Hampstead. The three younger, born after the return to Boston, were placed by their mother in the near neighborhood of the city, while she earned their and her own support by keeping a small shop. Isaiah was brought back to the city at the early age of six, and placed with a printer, Zachariah Fowle, who promised to care for him as his own child. If he ever went to school, it must have been before he was

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bound apprentice to Fowle, which event took place about a year after he went to live with him, June 4, 1756. Mr. Fowle seems to have been an indolent, indifferent man, totally devoid of energy. Whatever assistance Isaiah obtained in learning his trade came probably from Samuel Draper, who was Fowle's partner from 1758 to 1761. After the partnership was dissolved, the boy, only twelve years of age, had the principal charge of the business of the office.

He remained in Fowle's service for ten or eleven years, and grew to be considered an able and experienced workman. In 1766, he had a serious misunderstanding with his master, so serious that it resulted in his leaving Boston secretly. He made his way as far as Halifax, in the hope of reaching England. But in Halifax he found himself without the means of going further, and was forced to seek employment. He fell into the hands of one Anthony Henry, the publisher of the "Halifax Gazette," and government printer. Henry, like his first master, Fowle, was easy and indolent, and soon left the management of the business to the apprentice. He, filled with the spirit of resistance to oppression learned in New England, speedily brought the newspaper into trouble with the authorities by articles in opposition to the Stamp Act; and Mr. Henry found that he must choose between the government work and his new apprentice. Of course, he preferred the first; and, there being no other chance of work in Nova Scotia, Thomas was forced to turn his steps homeward. He found work on one of the newspapers in Portsmouth, where the vessel landed him, until Mr. Fowle, learning his return to New England, invited him to resume his place in Boston.

This arrangement was soon terminated by fresh quarrels, and the master and his apprentice parted again. Thomas went to North Carolina, where he hoped to establish a press in Wilmington. But difficulties in coming to an agreement with the printer already resident there put an end to this scheme, and Thomas went on to Charleston, where he found

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employment with Robert Wells, who published the "South Carolina and American General Gazette," and also kept a book store. While in Charleston, Thomas married Mary Dill, daughter of Joseph Dill, of the Bermuda Islands, a connection that was not happy, resulting in a separation after a few years. The marriage took place in December, 1769; and, in the following spring, Mr. Thomas returned to Boston. Here he entered into partnership with his old master, Fowle; and, in July, the first number of the "Massachusetts Spy" appeared. The paper was intended to circulate among the mechanics and smaller tradesmen of the town, and was issued at first three times a week. At the end of three months, Thomas bought out Fowle, and the issue of the newspaper was made semi-weekly. The following spring another change was made, and the "Spy" was enlarged, and appeared weekly. The newspaper, owing to the energy and ability of its printer and editor, and to the kind aid he received from contributors, was quite successful. It adopted the Whig cause, and did no small service in the struggle between the Government and the friends of freedom. Attempts were made by Governor Hutchinson at first to bring the paper over to the side of Government, then to suppress it, and punish its printer for libel. He soon became a noted and trusted friend of the American leaders. About this time, Mr. Thomas also began the publication of a magazine, "The Royal American Magazine," and started a series of almanacs, "Thomas's New England Almanacs," the publication of which was continued by his son until 1819.

In 1775, Mr. Thomas sent his family to Watertown for safety, and held himself in readiness to leave Boston at short notice. Two days before the affair at Lexington, the notice came, and the press and types were hurriedly removed to Worcester, one of the places in which he had been asked to settle. The printer himself remained, and acted his part in the events of the night of the 18th and the day of the 19th

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of April. He reached his new home, Worcester, late on the 20th, and the publication of the "Spy" was resumed May 3. It was an entirely new beginning in life: all was lost, except the small amount of materials that had been transferred to Worcester. The Provincial Government gave what help it could, sending him supplies of paper, and giving him the public printing, until the arrival of the Halls from Salem and the escape of Edes from Boston gave the Congress ample facilities nearer home. The system of post-riders, established about this time, gave Mr. Thomas also the office of postmaster at Worcester, which he continued to hold for some years.

For some little time his career was uncertain. He leased a part of his presses and the "Spy" to William Stearns and Daniel Bigelow in 1776, and with the remainder attempted to establish a business in Salem, but failed. The next year he again leased the newspaper to Antony Haswall. His family, during these years, were living on a small farm in Londonderry, New Hampshire, and his biographer confesses his inability to discover in what way he was employed. He managed in some honest way, however, to support the family, thanks to his indomitable energy and perseverance.

Mr. Thomas returned to Worcester in the spring of 1778, and took possession of the "Spy" again. His progress was slow but steady from this time. After the close of the war, the improvement was more rapid. The newspaper increased its circulation, was enlarged to five columns on a page, and the business of printing and publishing books was begun. Mr. Thomas advocated earnestly the adoption of the Federal Constitution; and the settlement of the government upon a firm foundation gave an impulse to all business. His success was now assured. He built a large mill, where he made his own paper, published books, established a bindery, and extended his business all over the country. At one time there were under his control and that of his partners five book-stores in Massachusetts, one in New Hampshire, one in

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Albany, and one in Baltimore. In 1788, he established a house in Boston, taking as a partner Mr. Ebenezer T. Andrews. The firm did a large and profitable business, publishing, among other books, the "Massachusetts Magazine," from 1789 to 1793.

In 1802, Mr. Thomas resigned the care of his business to his son, Isaiah Thomas, Jr. His own time was devoted to study and collection of materials for his great work, the "History of Printing in America." This appeared in 1810, in two volumes, octavo. Not long afterward, in January, 1812, he began to develop his plan for making his own library, a large and valuable one, the basis of a public collection. From this grew the idea of the American Antiquarian Society, of which he was the founder and liberal benefactor. The charter of this Society was granted in October, 1812, and the Society organized on November 19th. Mr. Thomas was chosen the first President, and annually re-elected during his life. In 1820, he built Antiquarian Hall, to which his library was transferred. His gifts did not cease with his life. By his will, funds were left for the support of a Librarian, and for other purposes of the Society. His entire gifts to the Society reached the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

Mr. Thomas held no official position. But his services to his country and to literature were recognized by elections into many learned societies, and by honors conferred by colleges. He received the degree of Master of Arts from Dartmouth College, and that of Doctor of Laws from Alleghany College, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the American Philosophical Society and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. His election to our own Society dates from April 25, 1811.

Mr. Thomas died in Worcester, April 4, 1831, at the ripe old age of eighty-one. G. D.

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ADJOURNED MEETING.

At an adjourned meeting, May 5, 1831, — the members present were, Davis, I. P. Davis, A. H. Everett, Hale, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, R. Webster, and Willard.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz.: —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Historical Society, appointed to examine the accounts of James Savage, Treasurer of said Society, have this day performed the service, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, whereby a balance in favor of the Society appears in his hands, of eighty-five dollars and thirty-six cents, including two notes of seventy-seven dollars and seventy-four cents, which were exhibited to us.*

(Signed) JAMES C. MERRILL.
N. G. SNELLING.

The officers of the last year were re-elected.

Voted, That the letter from Dr. Mease to the Librarian, respecting the printed document sent by him to the Society to be returned if not used, be referred to the Publishing Committee.†

Voted, That the box of minerals presented by Mr. Alonzo Lewis be referred to the Publishing Committee and the Cabinet-Keeper, to take such notice of it in the next volume of the Collections as they may deem proper.

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* The receipts for the year amounted to $278.10, of which $116.10 were for sales of publications, and $162 for assessments and admission fees. The payments amounted to $261.65, of which sum $240 were on account of printing the Collections. — EDS.

† The printed document referred to was probably Dr. Mease's paper on Medals, published in 3 Collections, IV. 297. — EDS.

The vocabulary of the words in the Quoddy language, presented by the Corresponding Secretary, was referred to the Publishing Committee.*

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Henry Sargent, Esq., for his valuable aid in restoring the picture of Cortez belonging to the Society, and presented by the family of the late Dr. Foster, of Brighton.

Hon. Lemuel Shaw, James T. Austin, Rev. Benjamin B. Wisner, and Convers Francis were elected Resident Members, and Rev. Henry Channing, of New London, a Corresponding Member. Mr. Merrill and Mr. I. P. Davis, the Scrutinizing Committee.

John H. Farnham, Esq., of Salem, Indiana, was nominated a Corresponding Member by Mr. Ripley.

John Allyn, D.D., resigned his place in the Society, and it was

Voted, That his resignation be accepted, and that the assessments due from him be remitted.

Mr. Pickering's resignation was accepted.

Mr. Shattuck and Mr. Coffin were allowed to take from the Library three volumes of newspapers each at a time.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, Aug. 30, 1831, — the members present were, Davis, Francis, Gardner, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Ripley, Savage, R. Webster, and Willard.

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* Written by the Rev. Elijah Kellogg, and published in 3 Collections, III 181. — Eds.

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The thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Erastus Smith, of Windsor, for his valuable donation of the "Narrative of the Planting of the Massachusetts Colony, A.D. 1628, published by Old Planters," &c.*

A question respecting the property of "Bibliotheca Americana" and Bishop Kennett's "American Library" having arisen,

Voted, That the subject be referred to the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper, to report at the next meeting.

A proposition from the Librarian to exchange certain books for books and manuscripts in the Library, was referred to the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, to report at the next meeting.

JOHN HAY FARNHAM, Esq., of Salem, Indiana, was elected a Corresponding Member. Mr. RIPLEY and Mr. WILLARD, the Scrutinizing Committee.

Mr. John F. Watson, of Philadelphia, was nominated a Corresponding Member by the President, and Mr. James Dean, formerly of the University of Vermont, by Mr. R. Webster.

On motion of the Recording Secretary,

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested to select a suitable person to deliver a discourse before the Society on the 22d of February next, that time being the completion of a century from the birth of Washington.

Meeting dissolved.

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* This book, now rare in the original edition of 1694, was reprinted in 4 Collections, IV. 279–332. The Society came into possession of another copy in the Belknap donation of March, 1858, for notice of which see Proceedings under that date. The author, Joshua Scottow, wrote another book, entitled, "Old Men's Tears for their own Declentions," &c., 1691, of which an account is given in a notice of the author by Mr. Savage, in 2 Collections, IV. 100–104. A copy, with title-page and the first fourteen pages complete, is in the Library of the American Antiquarian Society. — EDS.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Historical Society, Oct. 26, 1831, — the members present were, Bowdoin, Coffin, Coolidge, Davis, I. P. Davis, F. C. Gray, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, Merrill, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Wallcut, R. Webster, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

A communication was made of donations to the Society.

Voted, That the President present the thanks of the Society to Jonathan Phillips, Esq., for his valuable donation of a portrait of Rev. Thomas Prince to the Society.

Charles Fraser, Esq., of Charleston, South Carolina, was nominated a Corresponding Member by Lieutenant-Governor Winthrop.

Mr. John F. Watson, of Philadelphia,* and Mr. James Dean, formerly of the University of Vermont, were elected Corresponding Members. Mr. Willard and Mr. I. P. Davis, the Scrutinizing Committee.

The Standing Committee not having obtained a quorum at the time appointed for their meeting on the subject of the last vote at the meeting of the Society in August, the subject was referred back to the Society.

Voted, That a special committee be appointed to take into consideration this subject, and make the necessary arrangements.

The President, Mr. Lowell, and Mr. Savage were appointed.

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* Mr. Watson's letter of acceptance, which was filled with historical anecdotes and reminiscences, was published in the Proceedings in 1861, in connection with a notice of Mr. Watson himself, who died Dec. 23, 1860. — Eds.

Hon. John Welles, of Boston, Rev. Charles W. Upham, of Salem, William Lincoln, Esq., of Worcester, and Hon. H. A. S. Dearborn were nominated Resident Members by the Standing Committee.

Voted, That the Librarian and Treasurer be a committee to procure a reprint of the ninth volume, second series.

Voted, That the Committee for the publication of the next volume be instructed to proceed as fast as possible in this matter, and report at the next meeting on the progress they have made.

The Committee on the subject of the proprietorship of "Bibliotheca Americana" reported; whereupon,

Voted, That the same Committee take such measures as they may deem proper for procuring the return of the volume in question.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposal of the Librarian for an exchange of books, reported, —

That the books offered by the Librarian in exchange for those which he mentions belonging to the Library of the Society are all of them valuable, and would be an acquisition to the Society; and that the odd volumes of Spanheim's "Dubia" and the shattered volume of "Cyprian" might well be spared from the Library, in exchange for those or for other books; but that the Welsh manuscript and the old English medical manuscript, although of no importance in an historical view, yet, as manuscripts presented to the Society for preservation, should be retained by the Library.

The report was accepted, the Society considering the manuscripts as very valuable; and the same Committee was requested to ascertain what books may be spared from the Library in exchange for the books mentioned, and report.

Voted, That the Librarian cause the above-named manuscripts to be bound, and be requested to insert whatever he may find material respecting their history.

Voted, That the Librarian and Treasurer be authorized to have the pamphlets in the possession of the Society bound and catalogued.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay one-third of the tax paid by the Boston Library Society, provided it is ascertained that this room is included by the assessors in the tax.

Meeting dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1832.

At a meeting of the Society, Jan. 26, 1832, — the members present were, Coffin, Coolidge, Davis, Francis, Holmes, Jenks, Lewis, Lowell, Pierce, Savage, and Willard.

The Committee on the subject of a centennial celebration of the birth of Washington, reported, —

That they had requested the Hon. Francis C. Gray, Esq., to deliver a discourse before the Society on that day, and that the appointment was accepted; but that, afterward, the General Court, having resolved to celebrate the day, invited the same gentleman to perform a similar service in their presence, which appointment he accepted, with the concurrence of your Committee. The Committee, therefore, are of the opinion that this arrangement should supersede the intended celebration by the Historical Society, and that the Society should accept an invitation received from the Committee of the Legislature to join with that body in the procession and in attending the literary and religious exercises of the occasion.

Voted, To accept the report of the Committee, and that the same Committee be requested to continue their services in this matter.

The Publishing Committee for the third volume, third series, having been unable to attend to the service, were excused from further action in the premises, and Mr. BOWDOIN, Mr. LOWELL, Mr. FRANCIS, and Mr. WILLARD were appointed in their place.

Mr. Hale having offered to present to the Society a copy of the Diplomatic Correspondence of the United States with Foreign Powers, provided it was not presented by the Government, it was

Voted, To accept Mr. Hale's very liberal donation on the terms suggested.

CHARLES FRASER, Esq., of Charleston, South Carolina, was chosen a Corresponding Member; and Hon. JOHN WELLES, of Boston, Rev. CHARLES W. UPHAM, of Salem, WILLIAM LINCOLN, Esq., of Worcester, and Hon. HENRY A. S. DEARBORN,* of Roxbury, were chosen Resident Members of the Society.

Meeting dissolved.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1832.

At a meeting of the Society, April 26, 1832, — the members present were, Austin, Coolidge, I. P. Davis, Francis, Greenwood, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Shaw, R. Webster, Welles, Willard, and T. L. Winthrop.

A letter was read from the Committee of the Athenæum, consenting that the Society take one copy of each of the unbound pamphlets, with the understanding that they shall be so preserved, bound, and arranged

* General Dearborn accepted, but probably never complied with the conditions of membership. — EDS

by the Society as to render them most useful; and requesting that, if the Society have duplicates of pamphlets not in the Athenæum, this courtesy may be reciprocated.

Voted, To accept the offer of the Committee of the Athenæum, and to reciprocate the courtesy;

And the Librarian, Treasurer, and Mr. COOLIDGE were appointed a committee to receive such pamphlets as may be spared from the Athenæum, and to deliver such as the Society may spare in return.

The officers of the last year were rechosen. Mr. WILLARD and Mr. COOLIDGE, the Scrutinizing Committee.

The Corresponding Secretary made a report of donations and correspondence.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS and Mr. WELLES were appointed a committee on the Treasurer's accounts, and made the following report: —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Historical Society, appointed to examine the accounts of James Savage, Treasurer of said Society, have this day performed the service, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, whereby a balance appears in his hands of four hundred and thirty dollars and forty cents, but therein is included a note of Phelps & Farnham, which was exhibited to us, for the sum of thirty-eight dollars and eighty-seven cents.*

(Signed) ISAAC P. DAVIS, JOHN WELLES, } *Committee.*

* The receipts — exclusive of the sum of $38.87, received from Phelps & Farnham in payment of their note for that amount, which was entered as cash when the note was given — amounted to $436 10. Of this sum $122 were for

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The report was accepted.

The Treasurer and Dr. HOLMES were appointed to consider whether any, and if any, what, alterations should be made in the second article respecting Resident Members elected.

Dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, Aug. 28, 1832, — the members present were, Austin, Bowdoin, Coffin, I. P. Davis, A. H. Everett, Harris, Holmes, Lewis, Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Willard, and Winthrop.

Mr. WINTHROP in the chair.

A letter from the Librarian, resigning his office, was communicated.

Voted, That the consideration of this subject be deferred to the next meeting.

A letter from Rev. Jasper Adams, of Charleston, South Carolina, accompanying certain books, for which he proposed an exchange for books in the Library, was referred to Mr. A. H. EVERETT and Mr. BOWDOIN.

Communication of donations and correspondence.

The Committee for publishing the third volume, third series, reported progress, and were appointed to prepare the subsequent volume also.

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admission fees and assessments, $0.75 for sales of pamphlets, $13.35 for interest from Phelps & Farnham, and $300, a legacy to the Society from the late Isaiah Thomas. The payments amounted to $83.06. — EDS.

Mr. I. P. Davis was added to the Committee for procuring more suitable accommodation for the Society.*

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* The following letter is on file: —

"Boston, 11th September, 1832.

"To President Quincy.

"Dear Sir, — You are Chairman of a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society on the subject of the new room for its Library and meetings. The other members are — (1827) Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Bowdoin, (1829) Mr. Nichols and Mr. Savage, (1832) Mr. I. P. Davis.

"A considerable sum of money will be wanted for shelves, &c., &c., and, if possible, to pay a part of the annual rent of the room; and, with a view to this, the powers and duties of the Committee were enlarged at the late meeting. I wrote to Dr. Lowell for copies of the votes, intending to send them to you, but he has sent me minutes only. Their scope will, however, be recollected by the members of the Committee, if a copy of them cannot readily be obtained.

"As it will be very soon necessary to know how much money can be obtained, as well as how much will be absolutely required, I take the liberty (after consulting with Mr. Savage) to suggest an early meeting of the Committee.

"With great respect, I am your obedient servant,

"James Bowdoin.

"President Quincy, Cambridge."

Before the next quarterly meeting, the Committee prepared and printed an appeal to the public, embodying a brief history of the Society and a statement of its needs for greater accommodation, and the opportunity now offered for securing it. This paper, which was issued as preliminary to a subscription paper, soon to follow, was dated Oct. 9, 1832; proposals having previously been made by the Provident Institution for Savings, offering to lease or sell to the Society a part of their building then erecting on Tremont Street for their own use. The subscription paper, which is here copied, was dated Oct. 15, 1832, and contained the historical statement and appeal of the former paper: —

"The Massachusetts Historical Society, incorporated forty years since, has been constantly engaged during all this period in procuring, preserving, and publishing documents, illustrations, and remarks conducive to the more perfect knowledge of every branch of the history of our country. It has been compelled, however, to act with very limited means, and the scarce manuscripts and rare volumes, pictures, and other memorials of our early days are preserved in a room, for which the institution is indebted to the liberality of the three gentlemen who first undertook the erection of the Tontine buildings in Franklin Place. This apartment is, from its difficulty of access, so uncomfortable, and so greatly exposed to destruction by fire, that the Society has for several years been anxious to obtain better accommodation for the assembly of its members, and a safer repository of their treasures, the loss of which would be in no small degree irreparable. Yet the want of means has always seemed an insurmountable difficulty in the pursuit of these ends. Our funds barely enable the Society to provide for the current repairs which the tenement, from its exposed situation, frequently requires; the members generally presuming that their chief duty was

The Committee on the election of members (see previous meeting) were discharged.

The Committee on the proposition from the Athenæum was discharged, and Mr. EVERETT, Mr. WILLARD, and Mr. LEWIS were appointed a committee on this subject.

Hon. P. C. Brooks was nominated a Resident Member by the Committee.

Voted, That his Honor Mr. Winthrop be requested to communicate to the Governor and Council the copy of Woodward & Saffrey's Survey,* with an additional Survey by Taylor which has this day been communicated by Mr. Savage to the Society.

Dissolved.

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to issue, in periodical volumes, all the interesting matter which they or their friends through the Union could furnish as materials of minute and complete history. Twenty-three octavo volumes have already been published by them, the expense of which is borne by the small number of their members, with very little aid from the Commonwealth at one time, or from other citizens usually.

"A Committee of the Society has long been charged with the duty of obtaining another establishment with happier accommodation, and especially safety from fire, the occurrence of which on either side of their present room must necessarily expose to utter destruction all their accumulations. Success would sustain the spirit of the members, and enable them more justly to fulfil the expectations of many in Europe or our own country who are curious in pursuit of their appropriate objects, and, after many years of despair, an opportunity is now afforded for its attainment. In the building now erecting for a Savings Bank the best situation can be had, for a sum of money unexpectedly moderate in comparison with the benefits to be acquired. The undersigned are assured that, for the sum of seven thousand dollars, the Society can have a perpetual lease of the whole second story of that beautiful edifice, with additional room in the attic.

"We, whose names are underwritten, engage, in consideration of the foregoing, to pay James Savage, Esq., Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society, on or before the first of January next, the sums set against our names respectively, to assist said Society in obtaining for ever commodious and secure apartments for holding their meetings and repositing their library, pictures, and documents. This subscription shall not have any force or effect, however, unless the aggregate sum of five thousand dollars be thus subscribed.

"BOSTON, 15th October, 1832." EDS.

* This was Woodward & Saffrey's "Survey of Massachusetts," in manuscript. — EDS.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Society, Oct. 25, 1832, — the members present were, Bradford, Coolidge, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, A. H. Everett, Francis, F. C. Gray, Greenwood, Hale, Holmes, Lowell, J. C. Merrill, Nichols, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, R. Webster, J. Willard, and Worcester.

Mr. Bowdoin was elected Librarian in the place of Dr. Jenks, resigned.

The Committee on the letter of Mr. Adams reported the following votes: —

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be returned to Rev. Jasper Adams for the books transmitted by him for the Library.

Voted, That the Rev. Jasper Adams be requested to accept of a copy of Hubbard's History and such other publications of the Society as, in the judgment of the President and Corresponding Secretary, may be about equivalent in value to the books received from him.

Voted, That it is not consistent with the laws and usages of the Society to accept the proposal made by Mr. Adams of a regular exchange of such books as he may send in future for the publications of the Society.

The Committee to procure a more suitable room reported, and the report was accepted.* Whereupon,

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* The following is the report of the Committee: —

"The subscribers, appointed by the Massachusetts Historical Society, by various votes passed on the 26th April, 1827, the 30th April, 1829, and the 28th August, 1832, on the subject of procuring a more safe and commodious room for the meetings of said Society and for the preservation of its records than that which they at present occupy, respectfully report —

"That the Trustees of the Provident Institution for Savings in the town of Boston have proffered to said Society a lease for ten years of the second story of the edifice now erecting by them in Tremont Street, and also one half of the attic story, upon the terms specified in the first paragraph of the paper annexed, marked A; and also the prospect of acquiring a permanent interest in

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Voted, That the same Committee have full powers to make a contract for a lease for ten years of a room in the Savings Institution.

Mr. EVERETT, from the Committee on the letter from the Trustees of the Athenæum, reported the following votes: —

Voted, That the Librarian of the Society be requested to confer with the Librarian of the Athenæum upon the subject of the proposed exchange, and to carry into effect the arrangement that has been made for this purpose by the Committee of the Athenæum.

Voted, That the Librarian be authorized to employ, at the expense of the Society, such assistance as may be necessary for the performance of such part of the labor as it may not be in his power to do himself.

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said building, on complying with the terms specified in the second paragraph of said annexed paper.

"Your Committee are of opinion that no location could be more safe, commodious, or pleasant than the rooms thus proposed to be leased to said Society; and that, considering all the circumstances and relations of the building, your Committee are of the opinion that the terms proposed are in a high degree reasonable, and that no delay ought to be permitted to take place before the Society endeavor to attain the means of complying with this advantageous offer, and securing to themselves the benefit of it.

"For this purpose your Committee saw no better way than to apply at once to the liberality of the community, and attempt to raise by subscription a capital sum sufficient to pay the annual rent of said room by its accruing interest, and to be applied to the securing to said Society a permanent right to said rooms, whenever the Trustees of said Savings Institution shall be authorized, in consideration of the payment specified, to give an acquittance of said reserved rent for ever, according to the proposition contained in said second paragraph, and take measures to that effect accordingly. All which is respectfully submitted.

"JOSIAH QUINCY.
JOSH. COOLIDGE.
JAS. SAVAGE.
B. R. NICHOLS.
I. P. DAVIS.

"25th October, 1832."

The vote which followed the acceptance of this report, as will be seen, authorized the Committee "to make a contract for a lease for ten years of a room in the Savings Institution"; but the success of the appeal for assistance finally resulted in the Society's acceptance of the alternative proposal, by which they secured a permanent ownership in that part of the premises which they were to occupy. See the special meeting of the Society, March 18, 1833. — EDS.

The Librarian was authorized to loan to Mr. Daggett the Account of Attleboro', if found.*

Voted, That in case the room be ready for the Society before the next meeting, the Librarian be authorized, under the direction of the Standing Committee, to remove the books and other articles.†

Hon. Peter C. Brooks was elected a Resident Member.

Ed. Randolph's Account of his Voyages, &c., 1675, in manuscript, presented by Mr. Turell Tufts, was referred to the Publishing Committee.‡

Attest. Charles Lowell,
Recording Secretary.

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* Mr. John Daggett, of Attleborough, in a letter to the Society, dated Oct. 12, 1832, called attention to the notice in Alden's Epitaphs, I. 113, of an original manuscript account of Attleborough, written by the Rev. Habijah Weld, of that town, said to be deposited in the Society's Library; and, as Mr. Daggett was engaged in writing a history of that town, which was subsequently published, he asked the privilege of consulting the manuscript, if it could be found. — Eds.

† The removal of the books, &c., to the new apartment did not take place till the end of the following March, as appears by the subjoined memoranda of the Standing Committee: —

"Boston, Feb. 28, 1833. At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, —

"*Voted*, That the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper, with the advice and assistance of Messrs. I. P. Davis, Alonzo Lewis, and Nathaniel G. Snelling, or any two of them, be requested to cause the books, papers, and all articles belonging to the Society to be removed, as soon as may be, to the new rooms now ready for the Society's use in the building lately erected in Tremont Street by the Savings Bank; and that the said officers and Committee of the Society, or any two of them, be authorized to employ such persons to labor and assist in the premises as may be found necessary and expedient.

"Attest. J. Davis, President, &c.

"March 20, 1833. Committee to advise, &c., met — present, Messrs. Davis and Lewis — and determined on moving the books, cabinet, &c., on Tuesday, March 28; Mr. Davis to engage the carmen, &c." — Eds.

‡ This manuscript was not printed by the Publishing Committee. It may be identical with that printed in the Andros Tracts, III. 214. — Eds.

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QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1833.

At a meeting of the Society, Jan. 31, 1833, — transactions read.

A letter from Mr. Brooks, declining a place in the Society, was communicated.

A letter from Dr. Holmes, resigning his office of Corresponding Secretary, was also communicated. Whereupon,

Voted, That the Recording Secretary communicate to Dr. Holmes the thanks of the Society for his long and faithful services.*

Communication of donations was made.

JOSEPH WILLARD, Esq., was chosen Librarian in the place of Mr. Bowdoin, absent from the country.

Mr. SPARKS, Mr. WORCESTER, and Mr. SAVAGE were appointed a committee to consider a communication relative to Governor Bernard's papers, in the possession

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* The letter of Dr. Holmes, resigning the office of Corresponding Secretary, is on file, and is here printed: —

"SALEM, 29th January, 1833.

"To the MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

"Age and infirmity rendering it inconvenient, and at this season unsafe, for me to attend the meetings of the Society, and to perform all the appropriate duties of Corresponding Secretary, I now resign the office. The honor of being a member while the respected Belknap was yet with us, and, afterward, of filling the place of the respected Eliot, claims and receives my respectful acknowledgments; and the remembrance of a congenial intercourse with many departed associates, and with so many yet living, is among the most pleasing recollections in the evening of life. For the future prosperity of the Society, its officers and members will be pleased to accept the best wishes of their friend and associate,

"A. HOLMES.

"Hon. JOHN DAVIS,
President of the Massachusetts Historical Society,
Boston."

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of Mr. O. Rich, and report at the next meeting whether it is expedient for the Society to do any thing in regard to them.

Mr. LOWELL, Mr. SAVAGE, and Mr. WILLARD were appointed a committee to report at the next meeting to whom it will be proper to present the Collections of the Society.

The Standing Committee were instructed to report such alterations in the Laws and Regulations of the Society as they may think expedient.

Meeting dissolved.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, at the house of the President, March 18, 1833, — the members present were, President, Recording Secretary, Coolidge, I. P. Davis, Gardner, Hale, Quincy, Savage, Sparks, Welles, and Winthrop.

The following votes were unanimously passed: —

Voted, That Josiah Quincy, Joseph Coolidge, Benjamin R. Nichols, and Isaac P. Davis, Esquires, be a committee to execute an indenture between this Society and "The Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston," by which the said institution are to convey to this Society the second story of the edifice lately erected by said institution in Boston, bounded westerly on Tremont Street, together with half of the attic story of said building; the said indenture to contain such covenants, as well on the part of said institution as of the Society, as the said Committee may think reasonable. And, for the above purpose, the said Committee are hereby authorized to affix the seal of

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this Society to each part of said indenture, and to acknowledge the same as the deed of the Society, and to deliver one part thereof to said Provident Institution.*

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* The following is the indenture between the Society and the Provident Institution for Savings: —

"This indenture made this sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, by and between the Provident Institution for Savings in the town of Boston of the one part, and the Massachusetts Historical Society of the other part, Witnesseth, That the said Provident Institution for Savings, in consideration of the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars paid them by the Massachusetts Historical Society, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge, have granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed, and do hereby grant, bargain, sell, and convey to the said Massachusetts Historical Society, their successors and assigns, the second story of the edifice lately erected by said Provident Institution in Boston, bounded westerly on Tremont Street, and southerly on the Chapel Burying-grounds, together with one half of the attic story of said building, with a privilege in the entries and stairways. And, in case said building shall be destroyed by fire or other accident, the said Massachusetts Historical Society are to be entitled to one undivided fourth part of the lot of land on which said building stands, to be held in common between them and the said Provident Institution, until another building shall be erected by said Provident Institution thereon, of the same dimensions and of like materials with the present, and constructed in the same manner, to the cost of which the said Massachusetts Historical Society are to contribute one fourth part, and it is to be owned in the same manner as the present. To have and to hold the premises, with the appurtenances, to the said Massachusetts Historical Society, their successors and assigns, to their use for ever. And the said Provident Institution for Savings do hereby covenant and grant to and with the said Massachusetts Historical Society, their successors and assigns, that they the said Institution are lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free from all incumbrances, and that they the said Institution will warrant and defend the premises, with the appurtenances, to the said Massachusetts Historical Society, their successors and assigns, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. And the said Massachusetts Historical Society do hereby for themselves and their successors covenant and agree with said Provident Institution, their successors and assigns, that they the said Society will be responsible for one fourth part of the cost of rebuilding said edifice, in case of its being destroyed as aforesaid; also, for one fourth part of the taxes which may be assessed on the whole of said estate, and one fourth part of all such repairs as may become necessary in consequence of general damage to the edifice by fire or storms, and one fourth part of assessments for drains or similar charges for the general benefit of said estate; also, for one half of the repairs on the passage-way from the third story to the attic, and for the whole of the repairs of the stairs from the first to the second story, and of all wood-work or windows or frame-work or any interior work of said second story, and for all repairs in the half of said attic story conveyed to said Society as aforesaid, and that they

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Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of fifteen hundred dollars on interest, payable semi-annually, and to give his note or notes on demand therefor, in his said capacity; the above

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the said Society will keep their fires in said building in such manner as to be satisfactory to said Institution.

"In testimony whereof the parties have caused their seals to be affixed by their Committees hereto duly authorized, as appears by the votes of said Corporations, copies of which are hereto annexed, and the said Committees have hereto set their hands the day and year first written.

"JOSIAH QUINCY
BENJ. R. NICHOLS
JOSH. COOLIDGE
I. P. DAVIS
} *Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society.* [Seal.]

"Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of us by Josiah Quincy, Benj. R. Nichols, Joseph Coolidge, and Isaac P. Davis, Committee of said Historical Society.

"S. E. SEWALL.
RICHD. ROBINS.

"JAMES SAVAGE
JOHN D. WILLIAMS
AMOS LAWRENCE
CHARLES WELLS
JAMES T. AUSTIN
} *Committee of the Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston.* [Seal.]

"Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of us by the Committee of the said Provident Institution.

"RICHARD D. HARRIS.
SAMUEL F. MCCLEARY.

"COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

"SUFFOLK, ss. BOSTON, March 8, 1833. The above-named James Savage, John D. Williams, Amos Lawrence, Charles Wells, and James T. Austin, a Committee of the Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston, appeared and acknowledged the foregoing instrument, by them subscribed, to be the free act and deed of said Institution, before me,

"S. F. MCCLEARY, *Justice of the Peace.*

"COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

"SUFFOLK, ss. BOSTON, March 21, 1833. Then the above-named Josiah Quincy, Joseph Coolidge, Isaac P. Davis, and Benjamin R. Nichols, as a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, appeared and acknowledged the foregoing to be the free act and deed of said Society, before me,

"S. E. SEWALL, *Justice of the Peace.*"

[The following is indorsed on the preceding deed:—]

"At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston, held March 16, 1833, at the hall of the Mas-

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amount being the balance of the consideration-money for the premises purchased of said Provident Institution, the whole amount being six thousand five hundred dollars, of which five thousand dollars have been raised by subscription.

Voted, That Messrs. Isaac P. Davis and Nathaniel G. Snelling be a committee to sell or lease the upper apartment or room in the centre building in Franklin Place, Boston, with the passage-way or staircase to the same, on such terms as they may think reasonable, and they are authorized to execute, in the name of this Society, a proper deed or indenture for the above purpose.

Mr. HALE communicated a letter from Mr. John Gray, accompanying a donation of Indian arrow heads,

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sachusetts Bank, it being stated that, whereas, since the last semi-annual meeting of this Board, the Building Committee have made and executed, but not delivered, to the Massachusetts Historical Society, a deed of the second and part of the attic story of the new edifice, in conformity to the power vested in them by a vote passed at the said last meeting, which deed having now been read, it was voted, That the said deed is approved and confirmed by this Board, and that the Secretary of this Institution certify the same on the said deed.

"A copy from the records.

"BENJ. GUILD,
Secretary of the Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston."

[The following is annexed to the preceding deed:—]

"At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, March 18, 1833, Voted unanimously, That Josiah Quincy, Joseph Coolidge, Benjamin R. Nichols, and Isaac P. Davis, Esquires, be a committee to execute an indenture between this Society and 'The Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston,' by which the said Institution are to convey to this Society the second story of the edifice lately erected by said Institution in Boston, bounded westerly on Tremont Street, together with half the attic story of said building; the said indenture to contain such covenants, as well on the part of said Institution as of this Society, as the said Committee may think reasonable. And, for the above purpose, the said Committee are hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Society to each part of said indenture, and to acknowledge the same as the deed of the Society, and to deliver one part thereof to the said Provident Institution.

"A true copy of record.

"Attest. CHARLES LOWELL,
Recording Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"SUFFOLK REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOSTON, April 2, 1833. Received and entered the counterpart of this instrument, lib. 367, fol. 98.

"Per HENRY ALLINE, *Reg.*"

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found on his farm in Kingston, Massachusetts. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Gray for this donation.

Meeting dissolved.

Attest. CHARLES LOWELL,
Recording Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1833.

At a meeting of the Society, April 25, 1833, — the members present were, Bradford, Coolidge, Davis, I. P. Davis, Hale, Holmes, Lowell, Merrill, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Sparks, R. Webster, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

The transactions of the last stated meeting and of the special meeting were read.

Mr. HALE and Mr. WILLARD were chosen the committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

Mr. SPARKS, from the Committee relative to Governor Bernard's papers, reported verbally that it was not practicable for them to make a definite report at this time, and the Committee was continued.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee to consider to whom it was expedient that copies of the Collections should be presented, reported that, in consequence of the removal of the Library, the Committee could not easily ascertain the number of copies on hand, and were not prepared to report.

A list of subscriptions for the purchase of the new room was communicated; whereupon,

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Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the gentlemen who have thus liberally contributed to this object, and that notice be given them by the Librarian that they are authorized to visit the Library whenever he shall be in attendance.*

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* The following is a copy of the report of the Treasurer, with the list of subscribers to the sum raised: —

"The Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society has the pleasure of reporting to the Society that, between 6th November and 11th April last inclusive, he received from subscriptions, obtained by the Committee to assist in obtaining the secure and convenient situation in which the Society now is assembled, the sums hereunder specified: —

Samuel Appleton	$300	Otis Everett	$50
James Bowdoin	300	George Hallett	50
Peter C. Brooks	300	Charles Lowell	50
Jonathan Phillips	300	Edward Miller	50
Francis C. Gray	200	Edmund Munroe	50
John Q. Adams	100	Israel Munson	50
Amos Binney	100	Francis Parkman	50
Benjamin Bussey	100	George Parkman	50
Jos. Coolidge	100	Thomas H. Perkins	50
Benjamin W. Crowninshield	100	Lucius M. Sargent	50
John Davis	100	Lemuel Shaw	50
Samuel Dorr	100	Jared Sparks	50
John C. Gray	100	Israel Thorndike	50
Abbott Lawrence	100	George Ticknor	50
Amos Lawrence	100	Samuel Whitwell	50
John Lowell	100	John D. Williams	50
John Parker	100	Timothy Williams	50
Josiah Quincy	100	Samuel Fales	30
John Randall	100	Joseph P. Bradlee	25
James Savage	100	Samuel P. Gardner	25
George C. Shattuck	100	Benjamin R. Nichols	25
Robert G. Shaw	100	Samuel Swett	25
Artemas Ward	100	Joshua Clapp	20
John Welles	100	Edward Cruft	20
Thomas L. Winthrop	100	Samuel A. Dorr	20
Stephen White	100	Nathan Hale	20
Nathan Appleton	50	Abiel Holmes	20
Ebenezer T. Andrews	50	Elijah Loring	20
Samuel T. Armstrong	50	Daniel P. Parker	20
James T. Austin	50	Benjamin T. Pickman	20
George Bond	50	Thomas Bartlett	10
John B. Borland	50		
Henry Codman	50		$5000"

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The President, from the Committee on the alteration of the Laws and Regulations, reported the laws in a new draft, which report, after a few alterations, was adopted; and it was ordered the same be published in the next volume of the Collections, and that three hundred copies of the laws be struck off for the use of the Society.*

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on the subject, reported that they had leased the room belonging to the Society in Franklin Place for one hundred and twenty dollars per annum, and had disposed of the table in that room for the sum of ten dollars.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report: —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, appointed to examine the accounts of James Savage, Treasurer of said Society, have this day performed the service, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, whereby a balance of one hundred and nine dollars and sixty-seven cents in favor of the Society appears in his hands, in which, however, is included a note of Phelps & Farnham for the sum of thirty-eight dollars and eighty-seven cents, which was exhibited to us.†

[NATHAN HALE.
JOSEPH WILLARD.]

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* The new draft of Laws and Regulations, published at the end of 3 Collections, Vol. IV., and also separately from the same types, provided for holding stated monthly meetings, instead of quarterly meetings as hitherto. — EDS.

† The total receipts for the year were $6,722.50: viz., $212 from assessments and admission fees, $10.50 from sales of publications, $5000 from the subscriptions for the purchase of a part of the building on Tremont Street, and $1500 borrowed on the Treasurer's note. The payments amounted to $7,051.23, of

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The officers of the last year were re-elected, with the exception of Dr. BRADFORD in the place of Mr. Lowell, who declined a re-election; Mr. LOWELL in the place of Dr. Holmes, who had resigned; and Mr. SPARKS in the place of Mr. Bowdoin, deceased.

[HON. JOHN DAVIS	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
DR. GAMALIEL BRADFORD . .	"	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL, D.D. . . .	"	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES SAVAGE, ESQ.	"	TREASURER.
JOSEPH WILLARD, ESQ. . . .	"	LIBRARIAN.
REDFORD WEBSTER, ESQ. . .	"	CABINET-KEEPER.
THOMAS L. WINTHROP, ESQ.	were chosen	STANDING COMMITTEE.]
REV. JOHN PIERCE		
NATHAN HALE, ESQ.		
FRANCIS C. GRAY, ESQ.		
REV. JARED SPARKS		

The Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper were authorized to deposit with the Society of Natural History such articles in the Museum, relating to that subject, as they (the Committee) may think proper, taking a receipt for the safe-keeping and a list of the same.

The subject of preparing a list of the books, newspapers, manuscripts, and pamphlets belonging to the Society was referred to the Standing Committee.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to William T. Williams, Esq., for his valuable communications, and that a copy of the last volume of the Collections be presented to him.*

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which sum $6,500 were paid to the Provident Institution for Savings for the part of the building on Tremont Street purchased by the Society, $24.50 for the cost of removal, and $526.73 for printing the Collections. — EDS.

* W. T. Williams, Esq., of Lebanon, Connecticut, presented a number of manuscripts relating to the Indians, some or all of which were published in 3 Collections, III. 129–167. — EDS.

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Notice having been given by the Recording Secretary of the decease of Rev. Ezra S. Goodwin and James Bowdoin, Esq., much respected and valued members of the Society, the subject was referred to the Standing Committee.*

Meeting dissolved.

The above report prepared by Rev. Dr. Lowell, at the request of

GAMALIEL BRADFORD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Boston, May 30, 1833. At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, this day, at twelve o'clock, — the members present were, Bradford, Davis, Everett, Felt, Gardner, Gray, Hale, Lowell, Merrill, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Sparks, Spooner, Webster, Welles, Willard, and Winthrop.

The records of the last meeting were read.

Certain amendments explanatory of the new code of By-laws were proposed by the President, and agreed to.

The Standing Committee reported that they had caused a partition to be placed across the Society's room, so as to divide it into two apartments; and recommended that a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars be appropriated to the purpose of putting the

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* Rev. E. S. Goodwin, of Sandwich, elected in April, 1822, died Feb. 5, 1833. A memoir of him by Rev. Dr. Francis is in 3 Collections, V. 282–286. James Bowdoin, elected in August, 1821, died March 6, 1833. A memoir of him by James C. Merrill is in 3 Collections, IX. 224, 225. — EDS.

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rooms, books, and Museum in order, and that this be raised by loan.

On motion of Mr. SPARKS,

Voted, That the eastern apartment be appropriated to the reception of the books of the Society.

Voted, That the Secretaries, Cabinet-Keeper, Librarian, and Treasurer be a committee for preparing and furnishing the east room for the reception and arrangement of the books; that they prepare an estimate of the probable expense, and report at the next meeting of the Society.

Voted, That the next meeting of the Society be held at their room on Wednesday next, at twelve o'clock.

The President communicated a letter from the Trustees of the Boston Library, requesting the attention of the Society to some repairs which have become necessary on the ornamental wood-work on the outside of their joint property in Franklin Place.

Voted, That Samuel P. Gardner and John Welles, Esqs., be a committee to confer with the Trustees of the Boston Library on this subject, and report at the next meeting of the Society.

The Librarian communicated the donation of William T. Williams, Esq., of the following works: —

Saybrook Platform. New London, 1710.
Cicero de Officiis, &c. London, 1629.
Cicero Orationum Pars Prima. Antwerp, 1567.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be returned for the same.

Mr. SAVAGE communicated the donation of Mr. Moses Pettingill of a map of the original town of Newbury.

Governor WINTHROP informed the Society that the State Government offer to this Society certain old papers now in the State House.

Voted, That Messrs. Merrill and Willard be a committee to receive the same.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be forwarded to Messrs. Thayer and Ritchie for the donation of the capital of one of the pillars of Governor Hutchinson's house.

The Standing Committee nominated for members of this Society, Rev. Samuel Deane, of Scituate, George Ticknor, Esq., of Boston, and Rev. John Codman, of Dorchester.

Voted, That Messrs. Sparks, Savage, and Bradford be a committee to consider and report on the expediency of a course of lectures the next winter.

GAMALIEL BRADFORD, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL MEETING.*

Boston, June 5, 1833. Meeting opened at twelve M. The members present were, Bradford, Everett, Gardner, Lowell, Savage, Sparks, Spooner, Webster, Welles, Willard, and Winthrop.

The records of the last meeting were read.

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* The Secretary has made no minute in his records to tell us when the Society met for the first time at their new apartment in Tremont Street. From the wording of the vote directing this special meeting to be held "at their room," evidently for the purpose of enabling the members to confer together more intelligently on the subject on which their Committee was to report, — namely, the furnishing the new apartment, — it may reasonably be inferred that this special meeting was held here. Included with the articles purchased at this time for "furnishing the east room" were a number of long settees, on which the members sat at the monthly meetings, supplemented by the more ancient Windsor chairs, grouped around the large oblong table, at the head of which the President presided. The settees, the table, and the old Windsor chairs still exist; but when, some twenty years ago, the elegant Dowse Library room was fitted up with its luxurious cushioned chairs and its carved oval table, these evidences of more limited means, if not of simpler tastes, were relegated to the upper rooms, where they serve some humbler purpose, and are shown as relics of the past. — EDS.

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The [illegible] Committee [illegible] the Society, Rev. Samuel [illegible], of [illegible] [illegible] of Boston, and Rev. [illegible] [illegible].

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SPECIAL MEETING.*

Boston, June [illegible], 18[illegible]. — Meeting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and W[illegible].

The records of the last meeting [illegible].

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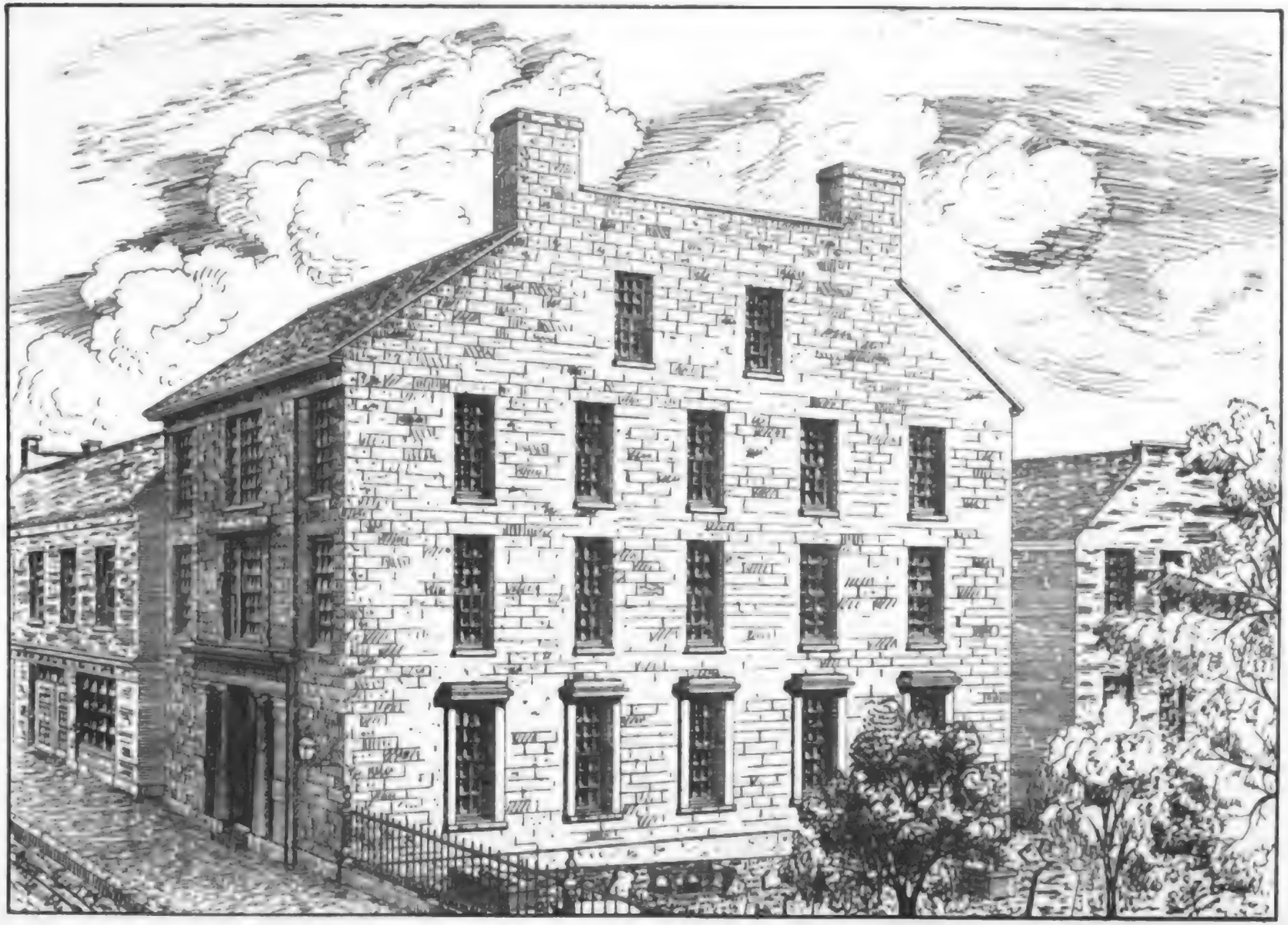

Built by the Provident Institution for Savings, and occupied by the Historical Society from 1833 to 1872.

The Committee on furnishing the east room reported an estimate of expenses of cases, carpet, table, and settees at $401 or $481.

On motion of Mr. EVERETT,

Voted, That the same Committee be directed to furnish in conformity to the largest estimate.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow for this purpose the sum of five hundred dollars.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of Boston Library report that they have taken some steps in conformity with the views of the Society, but have not yet come to any decision concerning the matter.

Voted, That this Committee be continued, with full powers to expend such sums upon the contemplated repairs, in behalf of this Society, as they shall consider expedient.

The Committee on Lectures reported that the Masonic Temple Lecture-room cannot be obtained for lectures next winter.

Voted, That the same Committee be directed to endeavor to obtain some other room, and to take such other measures as they shall consider expedient for obtaining lectures.

The Committee for the reception of the papers at the State House were not prepared to report.

Dr. WEBSTER presented a copper coin of the reign of James II., from Charles Brintnall, Esq.

The Librarian presented the second edition of Marshall's Washington, with letter from the author.

Mr. Savage nominated Thomas Aspinwall, Esq., of London, for Corresponding Member. Mr. Sparks nominated Sir Francis Palgrave, of London, for the same.

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On motion of Dr. LOWELL,

Voted, That Dr. Lowell, Messrs. Sparks and Everett be a Standing Committee, to be called the Committee on Manuscripts, whose duty it shall be to procure valuable manuscripts and portraits for the Society.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to procure blanks for letters of thanks to donors.

Adjourned.*

GAMALIEL BRADFORD, *Secretary*.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Boston, June 27, 1833. Meeting opened at half-past twelve o'clock; Governor WINTHROP in the chair.

The members present were, Bradford, Francis, Lowell, Quincy, Savage, Willard, and Winthrop.

Voted, That the Committee on the lectures be continued, with full powers to make all necessary arrangements for having a course the next winter.

Dr. Lowell nominated Mr. Secretary Cass a Corresponding Member of this Society.

Voted, That the Librarian cause to be bound all the newspapers previous to the Revolution.

Adjourned.

GAMALIEL BRADFORD, *Secretary*.

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* By "adjourned" the Secretary means "dissolved." — EDS.

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MONTHLY MEETING.

Boston, July 25, 1833. Meeting opened at twelve o'clock; Governor WINTHROP in the chair.

The members present were, Austin, Bradford, Davis, Everett, Francis, Harris, Holmes, Homer, Lowell, Palfrey, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Webster, Willard, and Winthrop.

Dr. BRADFORD, from the Committee on Lectures, reported that he had obtained the refusal of the Athenæum Lecture-room.

Mr. FRANCIS reported the death of Dr. Allyn, of Duxbury.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas W. Whittemore, offering a number of newspapers, &c., which were accepted.

On motion of Dr. LOWELL, Judge Davis was excused from serving on the Committee concerning books to be sent to Dr. Jasper Adams, of Charleston, and the Recording Secretary was chosen in his place.

A letter was received from C. C. Parsons, presenting "Saducismus Triumphatus," London, 1681, formerly belonging to Dr. Eliot's library.

Mr. FRANCIS presented a copy of his Dudleian lecture, and also of his Plymouth oration.

Mr. SAVAGE presented from Mr. Du Ponceau his translation, in manuscript, of Vater's work concerning the aborigines. It was referred to the Publishing Committee.*

* The Publishing Committee did not print Vater's work. — EDS.

Rev. Mr. DEANE, of Scituate, GEORGE TICKNOR, Esq., of Boston, and Rev. JOHN CODMAN, of Dorchester, were elected members of the Society.

On motion of Dr. LOWELL, Dr. Jasper Adams, of Charleston, South Carolina, was nominated a Corresponding Member.

THOMAS ASPINWALL, Esq.,* and Sir FRANCIS PALGRAVE, both of London, and Mr. Secretary CASS, of Washington, were elected Corresponding Members.

Dr. HOLMES presented, from Mr. Torrey Hancock, "Tavernier's Voyages in Persia."

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to effect insurance on the building in Franklin Street belonging to the Society, to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. WILLARD,

Voted, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for the expenses of arranging the Library, completing the catalogue, and other expenses relating to the Library.

Adjourned.

GAMALIEL BRADFORD, *Secretary*.

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* Colonel Aspinwall was on a visit to this country at the time of his election. On his final return to Massachusetts, he was, in 1855, chosen a Resident Member. — EDS.

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MONTHLY MEETING.

Boston, Aug. 27, 1833. Meeting opened at quarter-past twelve; Judge DAVIS in the chair.

The members present were, Adams, Austin, Bradford, Codman, Judge Davis, I. P. Davis, Holmes, Lowell, J. C. Merrill, Pickering, Saltonstall, Savage, Shaw, Sparks, Spooner, Ticknor, Webster, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

The Corresponding Secretary presented letters from Rev. Dr. Codman and Professor Ticknor, acknowledging his notice of their election.

The President presented the following donations: —

Part second of the History of Portland, from William Willis, Esq.
Indian Antiquities, from John Gray, Esq., of Kingston.

The Committee on the subject of Dr. Jasper Adams's letter reported that they have decided that the second series of the Collections of the Society be given him.

The Recording Secretary presented the following works: —

Lex Mercatoria, or Merchants' Guide.
Sainte Bible.
Du Service de l'Église.
Psaumes de David.
Poésies de Malherbe.

Mr. DAVIS presented Ricraft's "English Champions."

Voted, That Rev. Convers Francis be requested to prepare a notice of the late Dr. John Allyn, of Duxbury, for the next volume of the Transactions.*

* Mr. Francis's memoir is in the third series of the Collections, Vol. V. pp. 245–252. — EDS.

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Mr. Worcester nominated Roberts Vaux, Esq., of Philadelphia, as a Corresponding Member of this Society.

Voted, That the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper be a committee to label the pictures belonging to the Society with the name of the person and the painter, if possible.

The Librarian presented a letter from Mr. George Bancroft, requesting to be permitted to use the Library of the Society in the preparation of a historical work.

Voted, That Mr. Bancroft's request be complied with, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by a committee, consisting of the Treasurer and Librarian.

Mr. Pickering * submitted to the consideration of the Society a transcript from the records and files of the General Court of this State of letters and documents relating to Father Ralle. Referred to the Publishing Committee.†

The Librarian was directed to procure an engraved copper-plate of a label for the inside of books, to contain the donor's name.

Voted, That the winding passage leading to the room in Franklin Street be plastered, the present occupants paying half the expense; and that the business be referred to the same Committee who had in charge the former arrangements relating to it.

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* Mr. Pickering at this time was not a member of the Society. He appears to have attended this meeting for a special purpose. He had been a member, and was re-elected two years later. — Eds.

† These papers relating to Father Ralle do not appear to have been printed by the Publishing Committee to whom they were referred. A Life of this Catholic and Jesuit was written a few years later by the late Convers Francis, D.D., for Mr. Sparks's series of "American Biography," in which he made use of the ancient documents at the State House. A brief memoir of Ralle, illustrated by original letters, by the late Rev. Dr. Harris, of Dorchester, was published in 2 Collections, VIII. 250–259. — Eds.

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Rev. JASPER ADAMS, of Charleston, South Carolina, was elected a Corresponding Member.

Voted, That the vote which referred the subject of the memoirs of the late Rev. Ezra Goodwin and James Bowdoin to the Standing Committee be rescinded, and that the President be requested to prepare a memoir of Mr. Goodwin in season for the next volume of the Transactions. Also, that Mr. Merrill be requested to prepare in like manner a memoir of Mr. Bowdoin.*

Voted, That the President be a committee to prepare a device for a seal for the Society, and report at the next meeting.

Voted, That Mr. Savage, at his own request, be excused from the preparation of a memoir of the late William Tudor, and that the Hon. Mr. Adams be requested to prepare it for the next volume of the Collections.†

Voted, That Mr. Farmer, of Concord, be allowed to take from the Library a volume of Edmund Calamy's work, and to keep the same two months.

Adjourned.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Boston, Sept. 26, 1833. Meeting opened at a quarter past twelve; Governor WINTHROP in the chair.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

Dr. BRADFORD, of the Committee on the subject of the Lectures, reported that the Committee had engaged the Lecture-Room at the Athenæum; that the Introductory Lecture would be delivered by the Hon. Edward

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* See *ante*, p. 468. — EDS.

† See *ante*, p. 429. — EDS.

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Everett, on Monday evening, October 21; and the other Lectures on the succeeding Monday evenings.*

Voted, That Messrs. Sparks and Lowell be a committee with authority to procure an engraved copper-plate, for a form of notification to be addressed to Corresponding Members on their election.

The Librarian presented a Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Williams College, from Dr. Jacob Porter.

Voted, That all that part of Article X. of the Bye-Laws which follows the word "newspapers" be struck out, so that it shall read thus: "The time and place of every meeting shall be published in one, at least, of the Boston newspapers."

Voted, That the notice of the meetings be inserted in the "Daily Advertiser and Patriot."

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* The following is a list of the Lectures, delivered, at the request of the Society, this season, at the Athenæum Lecture-Room, on Monday evenings: —

"1833.	Oct. 21.	Edward Everett . .	Introductory.
	28.	A. H. Everett . . .	The Life of Columbus.
	Nov. 4.	Jared Sparks . . .	The Treason of Arnold.
	11.	John Pickering . .	Indian Languages.
	18.	Joseph Willard . .	Life, Character, and Services of Gen. Oglethorpe.
	25.	James Savage . . .	The Different Principles on which the European Colonies in America were founded.
	Dec. 2.	William Sullivan . .	Notices of some Eminent Men who have deceased within the last Fifty Years.
	9.	Joseph B. Felt . . .	The Prevailing Fashion of Dress in New England, from its first settlement to the present time.
	16.	George Bancroft . .	The Origin of Puritanism.
	23.	Convers Francis . .	The Regicide Judges.
	30.	Leverett Saltonstall .	The Colonial Charter and Laws of Massachusetts.
1834.	Jan. 6.	John G. Palfrey . .	Progress of American Periodical Literature.

"Messrs. SPARKS, SAVAGE, and G. BRADFORD, *Committee*."

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Voted, That Nathaniel G. Snelling, Esq., be requested to prepare a memoir of the late Dr. Redford Webster for the Collections.*

Adjourned.

Present — J. Q. Adams, Bradford, A. H. Everett, Francis, Harris, Holmes, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Sparks, Spooner, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 1833. Meeting opened at a quarter past twelve; Governor WINTHROP in the chair.

The following donations presented: —

First part of first volume of Collections of Virginia Historical Society. By the Society.
Several bound volumes of South American Newspapers. By Rev. Jared Sparks.
A large box of Miscellaneous Pamphlets.
The Portrait of Dr. Chauncy. By Mr. Woodward.
A Letter from Nonconforming Ministers, &c. From I. P. Davis, Esq.
Warden's Bibliotheca Americana. From J. E. Worcester.

Voted, That the Librarian, with Isaac P. Davis, Esq., be a committee with authority to employ some person to select the pamphlets for this Society from the collection of the Athenæum.

Voted, That the thanks of this Society be given to Mr. Woodward for his donation of the picture of Dr. Chauncy, and also to Dr. J. C. Howard for his deposit of the picture of Dr. Clark.†

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* Dr. Redford Webster, elected in August, 1792, died Aug. 31, 1833. Mr. Snelling failed to perform the duty assigned to him. A memoir of Dr. Webster by Mr. Deane will be found in this volume on pp. 490–492. — EDS.

† The following letter from Mr. Woodward is on file: —

" Rev. Dr. LOWELL.

" SIR, — Your note of the 27th has been duly received on the subject of the portrait of Dr. Chauncy, and it is with much pleasure that I comply with the request you make in behalf of the Historical Society, as being a safe deposit for what is very valuable to me, knowing that no American was more ardent in

Rev. Jared Sparks, Joseph E. Worcester, Esq., Hon. Edward Everett, and Nathan Hale, Esq., were chosen the Publishing Committee for Vol. V. of the third series.

Voted, That persons who have purchased tickets for the present course of lectures be admitted to visit the Library and Cabinet of the Society, on Thursday afternoon of each week, from three o'clock P.M. till evening; and that the next lecturer be desired to mention it.

Hon. Roberts Vaux, of Philadelphia, was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member of this Society.

Governor Winthrop nominated Hon. Henry Clay as a Corresponding Member.

Adjourned.

Present — I. P. Davis, Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Spooner, Winthrop, and Worcester.

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the cause of her independence, and none made greater sacrifices to obtain it than this truly great and good man.

"By the date of the artist who took the portrait, I find it was done in the year 1786, and was then considered an excellent likeness, which was a great gratification to me, as it was taken at my request, the year before he died. I will send the portrait next week to the room of the Historical Society in Tremont Street. Yours respectfully,

"Joseph Woodward.

"South Boston, Oct. 19, 1833."

An ancient picture in the Society's Gallery, known as that of Dr. John Clark, is described in 3 Collections, VII. 287, by the late Rev. Dr. Harris, who furnished the account of the pictures in that volume, as the portrait of the eminent citizen of Rhode Island bearing that name who was instrumental in procuring the charter of 1663 for that Colony, and as bearing the inscription, "Ætatis suæ 66, anno 1675," which pretty nearly conforms to the well-known age of this person. But Dr. Thacher, in his "American Medical Biography," and Mr. Coffin, in his "History of Newbury," who each give a lithographic representation of the picture, assign it to quite a different person; namely, to a Dr. John Clark, of Newbury and Boston; and some one of the officials of the Society, not many years ago, attached a label to the picture bearing an inscription conforming to this opinion. It is certain that a careful inspection of the picture does not sustain the accuracy of the above alleged inscription upon it. The date "1675" is not there; neither does it apparently bear any date. The account says it was "presented by a descendant, Doctor John Clark Howard, of Boston." — Eds.

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MONTHLY MEETING.

No meeting in November, being Thanksgiving.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Boston, Dec. 26, 1833. President presided.

The Standing Committee nominated Nathan Appleton, Esq., of Boston, and George Bancroft, of Northampton, for members of the Society.

A British Military Order-Book, from May 22 to Jan. 26, 1776, was presented by Theodore Dwight, Jr., Esq.*

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Theodore Dwight, Jr., for the donation.

Theodore Dwight, Jr., was nominated for a Corresponding Member by Mr. Savage. Theodore Dwight

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* The following letter accompanied the gift of "Lieutenant and Adjutant Waller's Orderly-Book, commencing at Boston the 22d May, and ending the 26th day of January, 1776," now in the Cabinet of the Society: —

"NEW YORK, Nov. 21, 1833.

"MY DEAR SIR, — I had once some thoughts of publishing extracts from the British Military Order-Book now in your possession; but, having renounced that expectation, I will thank you to deposit it in the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society in my name, and to express to them the gratification I feel in being able to place in their possession an authentic memorial relating to a period so interesting as that of the Battle of Bunker Hill.

"This volume was found in the garret, or upper garret, of an old house in this city, about five years ago, with other order-books, papers, &c., some of which I have in my possession, but nothing of equal interest to the Massachusetts Historical Society. The house in question was the residence of British officers during the occupation of the city in the war.

"I am, my dear Sir, your friend and servant,

"THEODORE DWIGHT, Jr.

"ISAAC P. DAVIS, Esq., Boston, Mass." EDS.

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was nominated for a Corresponding Member by Mr. Ticknor.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mrs. Derby for her picture of Dr. Clarke, to be the property of the Society, unless called for by Mr. John Clark Barrell, or, in case of his not claiming it, by Mr. John Clarke Derby, according to the terms of a letter from Dr. Spooner to the Corresponding Secretary accompanying the picture.*

Voted, That Dr. Spooner be allowed to take out of the Library the British Military Order-Book, above mentioned, for one fortnight.

The Treasurer, pursuant to the second article of the Rules and Regulations, reported that Dr. Prince had not settled his assessments, agreeably to the requirements of that article.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be desired to consider the expediency of applying to the General Court to enlarge the number of members allowed by the charter, and report at the next meeting.

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to have a fire in the Library every Thursday morning.

Dissolved.

Present — Aspinwall, Judge Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Gray, Hale, Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Shaw, Spooner, Ticknor, and Winthrop.

Dissolved.

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* The picture is that of Rev. John Clarke, D.D., minister of the First Church in Boston, and an early member of the Society, painted by Henry Sargent for Joseph Barrell, Esq., of Charlestown. Not long before his death, Mr. Barrell gave the portrait to his son, John Clarke Barrell, who, on leaving home, gave directions, in case any accident should befall him, that the portrait be given to John Clarke Derby. Both these gentlemen were now absent, and Mrs. Derby consented that the portrait should be placed in the Society's room, on condition that it should be given up if called for by either of these gentlemen. See Dr Spooner's letter on file. — Eds.

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MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1834.

Jan. 30, 1834. A quorum not being present, there was no meeting, there being on this day a meeting of the Overseers of Harvard University.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Feb. 27, 1834. President presided.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters from Hon. Lewis Cass and Rev. Samuel Deane, accepting their election as Members of the Society; also, from Roberts Vaux, Esq., to the same effect; also, letters from Henry Channing and Rev. Jasper Adams, with certain pamphlets.

The Librarian announced certain donations from S. G. Drake, the Attorney-General, Hon. Edward Everett, the Legislature, and Colonel Aspinwall.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the Legislature for their donation of Professor Hitchcock's work on the "Geology of the State of Massachusetts."

The President reported a device and motto for a seal, — a bee-hive, with the line, "*Sic vos non vobis.*" *

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* The following is Judge Davis's report on a device and motto for a seal for the Society: —

"BOSTON, Feb. 27, 1834.

"*Report to the Massachusetts Historical Society.*

"In obedience to a vote of the Society, I herewith present a sketch of a device and motto for a seal, — a bee-hive, with bees at work; motto, '*Sic vos non vobis.*' In this there is reference to Virgil's lines, when Bathyllus received

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented by the President to Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop for his donation of the portrait of Governor Winthrop.

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honor and reward for an anonymous poetic compliment to Augustus, of which Virgil was the author.

"'*Sic vos non vobis mellificatis apes.*' What Virgil wrote in a style of complaint may, it is thought, be applicable in another sense to our present purpose, indicating the assiduous and disinterested labors of the Society.

"The words '*mellificatis apes*' are omitted in the motto, as being sufficiently expressed by the device.

"Instead of 1794, the date of the Act incorporating the Society, it would be better, perhaps, to take the year of its institution. The first meeting was Jan. 24, 1791. Present — Revs. Jeremy Belknap, John Eliot, and James Freeman, James Sullivan, Esq., Rev. Dr. Thacher, William Tudor, Esq., Mr. Thomas Wallcut, and James Winthrop, Esq.

"Isaac Lothrop, Esq., of Plymouth, and Hon. David Sewall, of York, were the first elected members, Oct. 11, 1791.

"Respectfully submitted. J. DAVIS."

By reference to the proceedings in this volume, under date of January, 1795, it will be seen that "Mr. Winthrop reported the device of a seal for the use of the Society," on which it was "voted that the subject be referred to the next meeting of the Society; and that, in the mean time, each member turn his attention to it." There is no evidence that Mr. Winthrop's report was acted upon, and the records are silent as to the character of his device. Since these pages were in type, however, Mr. Winthrop's report has been found among a mass of miscellaneous papers, and it is here printed. A *fac-simile* of his report, with an impression of the seal proposed by him, is also included in this volume.

"*Report of a Seal for the Historical Society.*

"Agreeably to a vote of the Historical Society that I should prepare a device for a seal, to be used on their diplomas and other public acts, I beg leave to propose the following, of which a very rough sketch accompanies this report: —

"An antiquary sitting on a ruin, and copying an inscription from the pedestal of an obelisk. Beyond the obelisk appears an ancient wall and gateway, and behind the wall a pyramid. The ruins of a decayed portico appear before part of the pyramid, and are seen, together with some scattered fragments of columns, behind the antiquary. The legend, 'Massachusetts Historical Society, 1794. *E Vetustate Lux.*'

"JAMES WINTHROP.

"CAMBRIDGE, Jan. 3, 1795."

Mr. Winthrop, it appears, would date the origin of the Society from the year of its incorporation by the State, whereas Judge Davis more correctly takes the year of its institution. For some remarks on the seal of the Society, including a notice of a device and motto found in an interleaved almanac of Dr. Belknap, for 1795, see Proceedings for March, 1877, pp. 257, 258. — EDS.

Voted, That the report of the President respecting the seal be accepted. and that it be referred to him to procure its execution.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be discharged from the farther consideration of the subject of the increase of the number of members.

Voted, That the subject of the enlargement of the number of members be postponed to the annual meeting in April, and that the Secretary be directed to notify the members within ten miles of Boston that the question of enlarging the number will then be considered.

Voted, That a copy of the third series of the Transactions of the Society be presented to the Historical Society of Virginia.

Voted, That the Committee of arrangements for the lectures of last season be requested to consider the subject of continuing such course of lectures, and report at the next meeting.*

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to communicate to the lecturers of the past season the thanks of the Society for their services on that occasion.

Voted, That the Librarian be directed to erase certain manuscript remarks on the blank leaf of "An Appeal to the World in Vindication of the Town of Boston," some of which are signed "S. A. Wells." †

Present — Aspinwall, Austin, Bradford, Judge Davis, I. P. Davis, Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Spooner, Willard, and Worcester.

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* The former Committee consisted of Messrs. Sparks, Savage, and G. Bradford. — Eds.

† The book referred to here was published in Boston, in 1769, and is a vindication of the town of Boston against the aspersions contained in letters, &c., of Governor Bernard, General Gage, and Admiral Hood, transmitted by them to the British ministry. There had been some uncertainty as to the authorship of this tract, some attributing it to Samuel Adams, and others to James Otis, while a third class had referred its authorship to these two distinguished men jointly. William V. Wells, in his "Life and Public Services of Samuel Adams," I. 282, pronounces it unqualifiedly the work of Mr. Adams. The manuscript remarks on the blank leaf of the Society's copy of this book related to the question of the authorship referred to. The opinion of Mr. Samuel Adams Wells, a grandson of Mr. Adams, is certainly entitled to some weight; but the offence consisted in writing in a book which did not belong to either of the persons who took that liberty. The following is a copy of what was written about the authorship of the 'Appeal': —

"The work annexed, entitled 'An Appeal to the World,' &c., was written by

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MONTHLY MEETING.

March 27, 1834. President presided.

The Librarian presented donations from the Legislature of Massachusetts and from Isaiah W. P. Lewis.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the Legislature of Massachusetts and to Isaiah W. P. Lewis for their donations.

The Secretary, through the Hon. Edward Everett, presented a donation from Thomas Beekman, of New York.

The President reported that he had procured a seal, and he presented a box with it, for its preservation.*

Samuel Adams, part of the original manuscript of which is now in my possession. SAMUEL ADAMS WELLS."

"S. Adams *et alii* say J. Otis was the person who indited, and that S. Adams *copied* it. And it is a fact that this was often the course pursued when they were both on committees." [Anonymous.]

"The above ought to have been signed by the writer, but I state what he has written to be false. S. A. WELLS."

"*Mem.* The above, written by S. A. Wells and some other person in a volume belonging to the Massachusetts Historical Society, was erased [a pen drawn several times diagonally across the writing] by the Librarian, under a special vote of the Society, passed [Feb. 27] A.D. 1834, as highly indecorous and improper for any individual to make note or comment in a volume belonging to the Society. JOSEPH WILLARD, Librarian."

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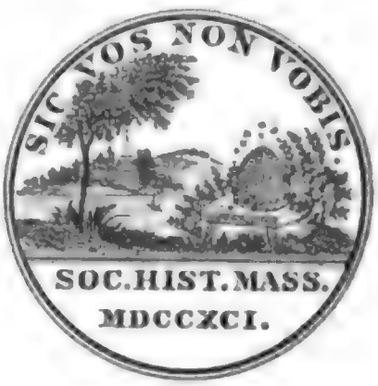
* The representation of the Society's seal below is about one-half the size of the seal itself, as represented on the Society's diplomas.— EDS.



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Voted, That the Committee on the diplomas be authorized to report on that subject to the Standing Committee.

Voted, That Isaac P. Davis, Esq., be a committee to procure the walls of the room to be stained with a color suitable for the pictures.

The Librarian presented a donation from Lemuel Shattuck, Esq.

THEODORE DWIGHT and THEODORE DWIGHT, Jr., of New York, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Voted, That the Secretary, in his notifications of meetings for the future, be desired to conform to the tenth article of the By-Laws, as now printed, omitting so much as refers to advertising in the newspapers; and that the amendment dispensing with notifications to individual members be rescinded.

Dissolved.

Present — Bradford, Judge Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Lowell, Quincy, Shattuck, Ticknor, and Willard.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1834.

April 24, 1834. The President presided. Meeting at twelve o'clock.

The Librarian presented donations from Dr. Greenwood, John Daggett, Esq., Rev. Dr. Lowell, Hon. Nathan Dane, and Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop.

Hon. JAMES T. AUSTIN and I. P. DAVIS, Esq., were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

The Committee on the subject of the Diplomas exhibited specimens on parchment and on paper.

Voted, That the parchment be preferred.

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The President presented a box for the seal, the same being made from the timber of the Cotton House, formerly occupied by Sir Henry Vane.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Miss Caroline Sturgis for her assistance in designing and drawing the seal of the Society.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts reported as follows: —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society to examine the accounts of James Savage, their Treasurer, for the year past, having this day performed the service, report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, whereby a balance against the Society appears due to the Treasurer of one hundred and nineteen dollars and forty-two cents, beside a note of Phelps & Farnham for the sum of thirty-eight dollars and eighty-seven cents, heretofore credited, which was exhibited to us.*

(Signed) JAMES T. AUSTIN, ISAAC P. DAVIS, } *Committee.*

BOSTON, April, 1834.

The Librarian presented a donation from John Farmer, Esq.

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* The balance in the treasury, April 25, 1833, was $109.67. The receipts for the year were: from admission fees, commutations, and assessments, $220; from sales of publications, $191.15; from proceeds of lectures at the Athenæum in behalf of the Society, $146.16; rent from the Boston Phrenological Society, $60; miscellaneous account, $1.61; and amount borrowed on the Treasurer's note, $500, — making the total amount of credits, $1,228.59. The total amount of the payments was $1,348.01, — of which sum $360.55 appear to have been for printing; $106.06 for interest, insurance, and taxes · a small sum for repairs on the old building and for current expenses; and the remainder for the cost of furnishing the new building, and for expenses connected with the removal of the Society. The deficit was $119.42, which sum was due to the Treasurer, as stated by the Auditing Committee. — EDS.

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Messrs. SPARKS, LOWELL, and WILLARD were appointed a committee to take into consideration the whole subject of the Collections, — of reprinting such volumes as are now out of print, and the subject of the manner of conducting the sales, with directions to report at the meeting in June next.

The following officers were elected: —

HON. JOHN DAVIS	PRESIDENT.
DR. GAMALIEL BRADFORD	SECRETARY.
DR. CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES SAVAGE	TREASURER.
JOSEPH WILLARD, ESQ.	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS, ESQ.	CABINET-KEEPER.
HON. THOMAS L. WINTHROP NATHAN HALE, ESQ. FRANCIS C. GRAY, ESQ. JARED SPARKS, ESQ. JAMES T. AUSTIN, ESQ.	COMMITTEE.

An application from the Boston Society of Natural History was referred to a committee, consisting of ISAAC P. DAVIS and NATHANIEL G. SNELLING, Esqs., with full powers to act as they shall think best in this matter, in behalf of the Society.

Voted, That the article of the By-Laws directing the notifications of the Standing Committee's meetings to be made by the President be so altered as that the Committee determine for themselves the mode in which the notifications shall be given.

Voted, That the subject of the enlargement of the number of the Society be postponed to the meeting in Commencement week next, and that the Secretary be directed to notify the members accordingly.

Dr. James Mease, of Philadelphia, was nominated a Corresponding Member by Isaac P. Davis, Esq., and William Jay, Esq., of New York, by Dr. Lowell.

Present — Austin, Codman, Judge Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Greenwood, Holmes, Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Sparks, Spooner, Willard, and Worcester.

[One Resident Member died since the last annual meeting, — Dr. Redford Webster, — whose memoir, never having appeared in the Society's volumes, is here supplied. — Eds.]

Notice of Dr. Redford Webster.

Redford Webster, the son of Grant Webster, a shopkeeper in Union Street, Boston, was born in that city in 1761. He served an apprenticeship with Mr. Daniel Scott, a druggist or apothecary, at the sign of the "Leopard," at the south part of the town, the business being subsequently removed to Union Street. On the death of Mr. Scott, young Webster formed a copartnership with his widow, under the firm-name of Scott & Webster, and afterward pursued the business in his own name. In 1787, he married a daughter of John White, a baker in Fleet Street, a man of some wealth, who died April 2, 1804, aged eighty-six. Not long after this event, Mr. Webster gave up business, selling out to Thomas Farrington. For many years Mr. Webster led a life of comparative leisure, being fond of antiquarian pursuits, and spending considerable time at the rooms of the Historical Society, of which he became a member on the 13th of August, 1792, on the nomination of Judge Minot. He was an active associate, and a frequent, if not constant, attendant on the meetings, and was often placed on committees. He was a member of the Standing Committee from 1793 to 1810, Cabinet-Keeper from 1810 to 1833, — the year of his death, — and a member of the Publishing Committee of two volumes of Collections. Dr. Webster was a man of affairs, and had

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much energy and perseverance of character. In his deportment he had the ease and bearing of a gentleman of the old school. For some years he was a member of the General Court; and he served on the Board of Overseers of the Poor for a long period, until the change made in that Board by Mr. Quincy. As to his domestic life, Dr. Webster is said to have been a delightful man in his family, having great kindness of heart, and taking a special interest in the intellectual culture of his young relatives, who loved to visit his home; one of whom, a niece, yet living, at an advanced age, has the pleasantest recollections of him. The town of Redford, in Clinton County, in the north-east corner of the State of New York, was named for him. The name "Redford" is supposed to have been a family name, coming down from some Sir Henry de Redford.

Dr. Webster was the author of an anonymous book, entitled "Selections from the Chronicle of Boston and from the Book of Retrospections and Anticipations. Compiled in the last month of the last year of The Town, and the first month of the first year of The City, being the year of our Lord MDCCCXXII.," 132 pp., — a humorous composition, written somewhat in imitation of Scripture language. A copy is in the library of the Boston Athenæum.

Dr. Webster's health had been failing during the summer of 1833, but he was not confined to his house. He died suddenly, or without warning, on the 31st of August of that year, having attended a meeting of the Historical Society on the 27th, only four days previously.

Dr. Webster's sister Hannah, who married the Rev. John Foster, D.D., the minister of Brighton, Massachusetts, was the author of the so-called "first American novel," entitled "The Coquette, or the History of Eliza Wharton," first published by E. Larkin, Cornhill, Boston, 1797. She also wrote "The Boarding School," and a volume of essays and sketches. Two daughters of Mrs. Foster — Mrs. Cheney and Mrs

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Cushing — were also writers. The former wrote the historical novels, "Peep at the Pilgrims" and "Rivals of Acadia"; and the latter, "Yorktown" and "Saratoga." C. D.

MONTHLY MEETING.

May 29, 1834. JAMES T. AUSTIN, Esq., presided.

J. G. PALFREY was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*.

Donations were presented from James Thacher, J. Mason, C. C. Baldwin, and S. P. Holbrook.

Hon. Mr. SAVAGE presented a letter from Rev. Mr. Deane, declining his election to be a member of the Society, on account of an intended removal to a distance.

The President and Rev. Mr. GREENWOOD were appointed a committee to prepare and present suitable diplomas to the surviving founders of the Society.*

Voted, That the Librarian present the eighth volume, second series, and third and fourth volumes, third series, of this Society's Collections to the American Antiquarian Society, through C. C. Baldwin, Esq.

Present — Austin, I. P. Davis, Francis, Lincoln, Palfrey, Ripley, Savage, Spooner, and Ticknor.

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* Of the "founders," technically so called, but two were living at this time, — Dr. Freeman and Mr. Wallcut. But diplomas, such as are now in use by the Society, were filled up for all living members to the date of June 25, 1835. A committee for this purpose was appointed at the following meeting, on p. 494. The seal prepared by Judge Davis was the first seal used by the Society; and the diploma now adopted was the first diploma, properly so called. More than twenty years before, a simple printed form of notice was adopted, to be filled up and signed by the Recording Secretary. — EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

June 26, 1834. NATHAN HALE, Esq., presided.

Mr. WILLARD presented donations from the American Philosophical Society and from Dr. Thomas Stearns.

Mr. SPARKS, from the Committee on the subject of the Collections of the Society made a report; whereupon,

Voted, That the subject be again referred to the same Committee, with directions to consider and report a plan of disposing of them more rapidly.

Mr. SAVAGE presented a letter from William Minot, Esq., desiring that the Hon. Daniel Davis might be considered as having dissolved his connections with the Society;* whereupon,

Voted, That the resignation of Hon. Daniel Davis be accepted, and his assessments remitted.

Voted, That the last two volumes of the third series of the Society's Collections be forwarded to Rev. President Alden, for the use of the library at Meadville College.

Hon. NATHAN APPLETON, of Boston, and GEORGE BANCROFT, of Northampton, were unanimously elected members of the Society. Dr. JAMES MEASE, of Philadelphia, and WILLIAM JAY, Esq., of New York, were unanimously elected Corresponding Members of the Society.

Rev. President Allen, of Bowdoin College, was nominated a Corresponding Member by Dr. Codman.

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* Mr. Minot wrote that, in view of Mr. Davis's enfeebled condition, his family could not object to his place being considered vacant. Mr. Davis died the next year. — EDS.

The Standing Committee were desired to nominate a member for the Society, if they should find on examination that there is any vacancy.

The Secretaries of the Society, with the Rev. Dr. PIERCE, were appointed a committee to fill up the Diplomas.

Mr. SAVAGE presented donations from Hon. Daniel Webster, Andrew E. Belknap, Esq., and Hon. John Pickering.

Dissolved.

Present — Austin, Bradford, Codman, Davis, Francis, Hale, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, Quincy, Shattuck, Sparks, Ticknor, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 31, 1834. ISAAC P. DAVIS, Esq., presided.

The Librarian presented donations from Congress of the United States, George Bancroft, Esq., and the Eastport Lyceum.

Mr. WILLARD, from the Committee on that subject. presented a form of label for the inside of books.

Voted, That the Committee on publications be requested to report at the next meeting.

Voted, That the same Committee be authorized to procure the reprinting of such volumes of the Collections as are now out of print, on such terms as they shall consider expedient.

Present — Bradford, I. P. Davis, Ripley, Ware, Willard, and Worcester.

Dissolved.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1834. President presided.

The Librarian presented donations from John Farmer, Esq., David D. Field, Esq , B. B. Edwards, Rev. Timothy Alden, Thomas W. White, and Luther S. Cushing, Esq.

The Committee on Publication reported certain terms on which the deficient volumes can be reprinted.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters from the Hon. Nathan Appleton and Theodore Dwight, Esq., accepting their membership.

On motion of Mr. SAVAGE, the Librarian was directed to settle the Society's account with Hilliard, Gray, & Co., and receive such volumes as they may have on hand.

Voted, That the manuscripts of Dr. Prince's Ordination Sermon be carefully bound and deposited in the Prince Library.

Voted, That an application be made to the General Court at their next session for such an alteration of the Act of Incorporation as would enable the Society to elect eighty members, or to consist of that number.

Voted, A committee for that purpose consist of the President, Mr. Savage, and Mr. Sparks.

Voted, That the Committee on Publications be desired to procure the reprinting of such volumes of the Transactions as are now out of print, not to exceed three hundred of each, on such terms as they may think expedient.

Present — Bradford, Judge Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Holmes, Lowell, Mitchell, Savage, Shaw, Sparks, Tucker, Willard, and Worcester.

Dissolved.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Sept. 25, 1834. Governor WINTHROP presided.

The Librarian presented donations from Rev. Richard M. Hodges and Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop.

Mr. SAVAGE presented a donation from Bryant P. Tilden, Esq.*

Voted, That the Librarian be directed to have the pamphlets bound, according to his discretion.

Present — N. Appleton, G. Bradford, I. P. Davis, C. Francis, N. Hale, Dr. Harris, S. Ripley, J. Savage, Prof. Ticknor, Joseph Willard, and Gov. Winthrop.

Dissolved.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Oct. 30, 1834. Governor WINTHROP presided.

The Corresponding Secretary reported a letter from Hon. William Jay, acknowledging his election as Corresponding Member.

The Librarian reported donations from Hon. Edward Everett, Mr. Jacob Porter, Rev. Joseph B. Felt, Dr. G. Bradford, Rev. B. B. Edwards, and Robert F. Wallcut.

The Committee on Lectures reported that it was im-

* The reader will understand that where the article given is not named in the records, he is referred to the "Acknowledgment of Donations" at the end of the volume of Collections next following the date of the entry, where the record is yet continued. — EDS.

practicable, in their opinion, to get up this winter a satisfactory course of lectures.

Present — Bradford, I. P. Davis, Gardner, Jenks, Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Spooner, Ticknor, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

Adjourned.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Dec. 26, 1834. Governor WINTHROP presided.

JOSEPH WILLARD, Esq., was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*

Dr. LOWELL read a letter from Sir Francis Palgrave, accepting his appointment as a member of the Society.*

Governor WINTHROP communicated a letter from Professor J. Smyth Rogers, of Hartford, with a box made from the old Charter Oak in Hartford.

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* The following is Sir Francis Palgrave's letter of acceptance: —

"RECORD OFFICE, TREASURY OF THE EXCHEQUER,
CHAPTER HOUSE, POETS' CORNER, WESTMINSTER,
18th Sept., 1834.

"SIR, — I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the diploma of my election as a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and to return my most respectful and sincere thanks for the distinction thus conferred upon me.

"Whilst attempting to elucidate the rise and progress of the English Constitution, the United States of America have been constantly present to my mind. I always try to write for America, to select such facts as may be interesting to you, or as may afford you a useful warning. I have been encouraged in the prosecution of my tasks by feeling that they are inseparably interwoven with the history of a Commonwealth which will probably transmit the language and institutions of England to ages, when, perhaps, the parent country shall have become a howling desert.

"I have the honor to remain, Sir, with the greatest respect, your obedient, faithful servant, FRANCIS PALGRAVE.

"The Rev. CHARLES LOWELL, D.D., &c." EDS.

A volume of Sermons by Dr. Codman, presented by him; also, the Transactions of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, two volumes, 8vo, and part of Vol. III., presented by the Society, — were handed in.

Voted, To exchange in future with the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, beginning with the third series of our Collections.

Voted, That the Committee who were appointed to petition the General Court for alteration in our charter relating to number of members, be authorized to petition for authority to add to our number every ten years the number of ten members, in addition to the number proposed in the former vote.

The Librarian communicated the donation of the portrait of the late Governor Wolcott by Mr. Samuel Osgood; also, the portraits of the late Colonel Pollard and Mrs. Pollard by Isaac Winslow, Esq.

Rev. Dr. Lowell nominated Chief-Justice Sewall, of Quebec, as a Corresponding Member.

Voted, That the Secretary communicate to Mr. Osgood, now at Washington, the thanks of the Society for his liberal donation of the portrait of Governor Wolcott.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed on the subject of the lectures, with full powers.

Professor Ticknor, Rev. Dr. Lowell, and Isaac P. Davis, Esq., were appointed of the committee.

Voted, That the Committee for devising a plan to dispose of the volumes of the Society's Collections be desired to report at the next meeting.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Harris,

Voted, That the Massachusetts Historical Society, having received several hundred rare and valuable books from Mr. Thomas Wallcut, do, by a unanimous vote, make to this their early associate most grateful acknowledgments, and beg him to accept the assurances of their respect and best wishes for his improved health and happiness.

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Chester Harding, Esq.;* also, donations from Sir Francis Palgrave and Gamaliel Bradford.

Voted, That the votes of December and August last, relating to an application to the General Court for permission to increase the number of members be reconsidered.

Voted, That the proceedings of the last meeting, which was not held on the last Thursday in the month, be confirmed.

Isaac P. Davis, Esq., nominated Sir John Caldwell, of Quebec, as a Corresponding Member.

Dissolved.

Present — Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Gray, Harris, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Sparks, Spooner, Sullivan, Ticknor, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Feb. 26, 1835. President in the chair.

The Secretary communicated a letter from Dr. Caleb H. Snow, resigning his membership.

Voted, That Dr. Snow's resignation be accepted.†

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* The portrait deposited was that of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton. — Eds.

† A brief reference to those Resident Members, included in this volume, who resigned their membership, or who ceased to be members, without removing out of the State, may not inappropriately be made in this place. They will be mentioned in the order of their resignation, &c.

Gen. Elias Hasket Derby, of Salem, was elected in April, 1801. He accepted membership, as appears by a letter on file, addressed to Dr. Eliot, the Corresponding Secretary; but he is put down in the printed list of 1814 as having resigned or ceased to be a member in the same year in which he was elected. General Derby was a merchant. He died in Londonderry, New Hampshire, Sept. 16, 1826.

The case of the Hon. Nathaniel Freeman, of Sandwich, whose name was on the resident roll for sixteen years, was peculiar. See p. 199. He was elected

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The request of C. C. Baldwin, of Worcester, concerning duplicate newspapers, was committed to the Librarian and Treasurer.

April 2, 1817. He was the first President of Williams College, from 1793 to 1815. He then removed to West Bloomfield, in New York, where he died March 21, 1833, aged seventy-seven.

Alden Bradford, LL.D., elected in January, 1793, resigned Jan. 27, 1820. All the privileges of a member as to the use of the Library, &c., were voted to him. See p. 286 of this volume. He died in Boston, Oct. 26, 1843, aged seventy-eight.

Professor John Snelling Popkin, D.D., elected in July, 1801, resigned Jan. 2, 1826. He was the well-known Professor of Greek in Harvard College. He died March 2, 1852, aged eighty.

Ephraim Eliot, elected a Resident Member in August, 1813, resigned Jan. 26, 1826. He was a son of the Rev. Andrew Eliot, pastor of the New North Church, and brother of Dr. John Eliot, one of the founders of the Society, whose place in the Society Dr. Ephraim Eliot was elected to fill, six months after his brother's lamented death. He graduated at Harvard College in 1780, studied medicine with Dr. Isaac Rand, and became a well-known druggist in Boston. He wrote "Historical Notices of the New North Religious Society in Boston," and an "Account of the Physicians in Boston," published in the Proceedings of this Society, in November, 1863. He died in September, 1827, aged sixty-five.

Levi Hedge, LL.D., elected in August, 1815, resigned in January, 1827. He was a well-known Professor of Harvard College for many years, dying in 1854, at the age of seventy-four.

John Thornton Kirkland, LL.D., the distinguished President of Harvard College, elected in January, 1796, resigned April 24, 1828. He died April 26, 1840, in the seventieth year of his age.

The Hon. Daniel Kilham, of Wenham, elected in April, 1798, resigned April 29, 1830. He graduated at Harvard College in 1777, was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and died suddenly in 1841, aged eighty-eight. He was never married. A sketch of his life and character, in Allen's "History of Wenham," pp. 145–148, shows him to have been a man of character and talents.

John Allyn, D.D., elected in October, 1799, resigned May 5, 1831. He died July 19, 1833; and, though not a member at the time of his death, the Society voted to request the Rev. Convers Francis to prepare a notice of him, which appeared in 3 Collections, V. 245–252.

The Hon. John Pickering, whose resignation is recorded on the same day with that of Dr. Allyn, was re-elected June 25, 1835.

General H. A. S. Dearborn, of Roxbury, was elected in January, 1832. He accepted, in a letter from Washington, on file, and his name is included in a list of members appended to a volume of Collections, issued in 1833. But the Treasurer, Mr. Savage, writes against his name, "never accepted," which was an error; and yet he seems never to have paid his admission fee or any assess-

Chief-Justice JONATHAN SEWALL and Sir JOHN CALDWELL, of Quebec, were unanimously elected Corresponding Members.

Adjourned.

GAMALIEL BRADFORD, *Secretary*.

Present — Appleton, Austin, John Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Spooner, Ticknor, Willard, and Winthrop.*

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ments, and his name, after the above date, disappears from the lists of members, living or dead. He died in 1851.

Daniel Davis, long known as "Solicitor Davis," elected in May, 1792, resigned June 26, 1834, and died in Cambridge, Oct. 27, 1835, aged seventy-three. Mr. Davis had become so enfeebled that his family desired his place might be made vacant.

Dr. Caleb H. Snow, elected in August, 1826, resigned Feb. 26, 1835, on account of the feeble state of his health, and died on the 6th of the following July, aged thirty-nine. He graduated at Brown University in 1813. He is well known as the author of the "History of Boston," published in 1825, of which a second edition was issued in 1828. — EDS.

* Rev. Dr. Wisner, who was chosen a member in May, 1831, died Feb. 9, 1835. A memoir of him by the Rev. Dr. Dexter will be found in the next volume of Proceedings.

Hon. Nathan Dane, elected in January, 1829, died Feb. 15, 1835. There is now no evidence that Mr. Dane accepted membership, or qualified himself as a member by paying his entrance fee or his annual assessments; and the Treasurer, Mr. Savage, has written against his name in his account book, "Declined." But his name appears in a printed list of "Resident Members, elected since 1824," appended to a volume of Collections published in 1833; and Dr. Palfrey, in his semi-centennial discourse, delivered in 1844, speaks of him as a member, while Dr. Shurtleff includes his name in a list of deceased and living members prefixed to Vol. I., fourth series of Collections, issued in 1852. No assignment of a memoir was made at his decease, and his death is not announced in the records. The present editors have no wish to deprive the Society of the benefit of so distinguished a name connected with their annals, if it properly belongs in the list, and have provided a memoir of him, to appear in the next volume of Proceedings, written by the Rev. Dr. Andrew P. Peabody. — EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

March 26, 1835. President in the chair.

The President communicated a letter from Dr. James Mease, acknowledging the receipt of his diploma as a Corresponding Member.

The Librarian communicated the "Bibliotheca Americana Nova," from Obadiah Rich, of London.

The Librarian reported an agreement with Russell, Odiorne, & Co., for the sale of the publications of the Society for three years.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to address a letter to O. Rich, Esq., of London, acknowledging the receipt of his donation, and containing, in addition to the ordinary form, the following: "In acknowledging this donation, the Society cannot forbear to express their particular obligation to the author for a work so highly interesting in its character, and so valuable an acquisition to the historical literature of America."

Messrs. AUSTIN and I. P. DAVIS were appointed a committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

The President expressed a desire to decline a re-election for another year.

The President nominated Hon. John Trumbull, of New York, for a Corresponding Member.

Adjourned.

Present — Coolidge, John Davis, I. P. Davis, Gardner, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, Pierce, Sparks, Spooner, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

GAMALIEL BRADFORD, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

No. I. Page 99.

[*Report of a Committee, June* 6, 1796, *to take into consideration the Resolve of the Legislature, of Feb.* 26, 1796, *concerning the Publication of a Map of the Commonwealth by the Massachusetts Historical Society.**]

"Committee report that previously to any further proceedings on the publishing a map of the Commonwealth, the Society apply to the General Court, —

"1st. For a relinquishment of their proposed right to all copies but such as shall be useful in the several departments of government.

"2d. That the General Court will loan the Society a sum of money, without interest, towards effecting the business of a map.

"3d. That the General Court determine on the scale, and whether the work shall be one map or two.

"4th. That the General Court will be at the expense of such astronomical observations as may be necessary to perfecting the map.

"5th. That the right of property be extended for twenty-eight years." †

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* This report, and the memorial following it, in the handwriting of President Sullivan, have been discovered among some unfiled miscellaneous papers since the meeting of June 6, 1796, was in type. Though the plan embodied in these papers failed of accomplishment, they serve to interpret the records at this place, and to preserve the history of the transaction to which they relate. — Eds.

† The paper contained a sixth article, which formed no part of the report to the Society: namely, "That a meeting be called on Monday next, at five o'clock P.M."; also, the following memorandum, "At a meeting, 6th June, 1796, report accepted." — Eds.

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[*Memorial to the General Court, conformable to the above Report, drawn up by a vote of the Society passed June* 6, 1796.]

"To the Honorable the Senate, &c.

"The Massachusetts Historical Society, having received several marks of attention from the Honorable the Legislature of the Commonwealth, would willingly avoid soliciting your Honors' attention again. As their motive is neither personal honor or emolument, but a disinterested wish to promote the interest of their country, they cannot but hope for the indulgence of the Legislature.

"They, by their Committee for this purpose appointed, beg leave to represent that, upon attending to the Resolve of the [25th] of [Feb.], 1795[6], passed upon their petition, allowing the Corporation to compile a map from the surveys of the several towns of the State, the Society are obliged to apply to your Honors for further aid in that important business. By the Resolve referred to, the map is to be compiled in such a manner as shall obtain the approbation of the General Court. Whether the map shall be entire, or be in two or more parts, is a question which ought to be finally decided upon before the maps of the towns shall be compiled into one. To decide upon this, it will be necessary to determine the scale on which the work shall be effected, and the Society therefore prays your Honors that measures may be taken for that purpose, so that when the work shall be offered for the approbation of the General Court, there shall be no difficulty arising on this account.

"The Society further begs leave to mention that, in order to render the work so accurate as that the Commonwealth may be well and properly represented, there ought to be astronomical observations in order to determine the latitude and longitude of several places in the State, and they submit it to your Honors whether this shall not be done at the expense of the Government.

"By the Resolve, the Society is to have the copyright of the map for the space of fourteen years only. But as it will be a considerable time before the map can be compiled and published, that space of time will be inadequate; wherefore, the Society prays that it may be extended to twenty-eight years, — the term allowed by an Act of the United States for copyrights, when the author of the work survives the first fourteen years.

"The Society further are obliged to pray your Honors to relinquish the right proposed for five hundred copies for the public use. They are willing to give as many copies as will be necessary in the several departments of State; but, upon a calculation of the expense, they are obliged to solicit the relinquishment of the number reserved.

"The Society have no funds. They are not, as individuals, men of opulence. They voluntarily tax themselves annually in considerable sums, in order to promote the design of an institution in which they have no more interest than their fellow-citizens; and they are unable to begin this work, unless they can obtain a small sum of money, to furnish the material and to pay the artists. They do not wish for a grant of it, but pray that a sum may be allowed them from the Treasury on loan, without interest, in order to bring the business of compiling a map into a situation which shall secure success to it. Upon this arrangement the Society will endeavor to have this project carried into execution with all possible despatch and accuracy.

"When the petitioners contemplate the importance of the object to the Commonwealth, and observe that the expense of surveying the several towns will be lost, and the maps of them useless, unless a general map shall be compiled, and that a general map cannot be obtained with more accuracy or in a more economical manner than in that by them proposed, they flatter themselves that your Honors will not hesitate to attend to them and to grant their request."

No. II. Page 217.

[On page 217 of this volume, under date of Aug. 10, 1810, the reader may have noticed, among the gifts there recorded, an "Extract from a manuscript Oration, delivered at Plymouth, Dec. 22, 1800, which corrects an error in the Life of Cushman, . . . and is a Defence of the Plymouth Settlers against the Charge of Enthusiasm. By Hon. Judge Davis"; to which a note was subjoined by the editors. The "extract" itself, from Judge Davis's unpublished Oration, has since been found among the Society's papers; and it will probably not be regarded as inappropriate to print it at this place.

The manuscript was sent to the Society through the Rev. Abiel Abbot, of Beverly, enclosed in a letter of his to Dr. Eliot, accompanied also by a printed copy of Dr. Abbot's own Oration, delivered at Plymouth, Dec. 22, 1809. Dr. Abbot's letter will precede the extract from the Oration by Judge Davis. — EDS.]

"DEAR SIR, — I transmit you a discourse, delivered in Plymouth last December, and request you to do me the honor of presenting it to the Historical Society. The particular circumstance which induces me to communicate the discourse has delayed the communication. The Hon. Judge Davis, to whose Life of Cushman I had referred as countenancing the charge of enthusiasm against the Pilgrims, suggested to me, soon after the publication, that he had changed his opinion on that subject, and had expressed the change in his address at Plymouth in 1800, which, however, had not been given to the public. He proposed forwarding an extract from his manuscript, to be communicated with my sermon through you to the Society. This I have just received, and hasten to enclose and transmit with the sermon, as it confirms the construction which I had published with some anxiety, though I thought not without sufficient evidence. It is certainly of some importance, and the biographer of New England will estimate it duly, to vindicate the fair fame of our fathers from unmerited reproach in this regard; and I confess that it was with much satisfaction I learned from a gentleman, who is among the best informed in New England history, that he concurred in the sentiments of that note, appended to my discourse. I have the pleasure yet in reserve to read your volume of New England Biography, and shall hope to find that you have more amply vindicated the Pilgrims from an aspersion which has been, with equal freedom and injustice, cast upon them in Europe and America.

"With the best wishes of success to the Society in their important researches, and with sentiments of personal respect and affection, I am, dear Sir, your obedient servant,

"A. ABBOT.

"BEVERLY, June 4, 1810.

"Rev. Dr. ELIOT."

[*Extract from Judge Davis's Oration of Dec.* 22, 1800.]

"The spring of 1623 opened with a most gloomy prospect, especially as from their scanty store their humane feelings compelled them to furnish a part to Weston's company, who, in the month of March, abandoned their settlement and repaired to Monhiggan.

"When the season for planting again arrived, finding by experience that the casual supplies obtained by traffic were inadequate to their wants, they adopted a new arrangement to secure a competency by their own cultivation. For this purpose, the youth were distributed in families, and it was agreed that every family should plant for their own particular benefit. Land was apportioned to the families according to their numbers, though no division was made for inheritance. In all other things a community of property and interest was still preserved. The good success resulting from this arrangement is particularly noted. 'Even the women and children,' says the Governor, 'now go into the fields to work, and much more corn is planted than ever.' So obvious is the tendency of separate property to stimulate industry, that it may seem unaccountable why they should not before have adopted it, or why, when adopted, it should have been with such limitations. *It was not, as has been supposed, from any peculiar fantastic opinions*, for the correct and sober-minded Bradford reproves the vanity of Plato's conceit, that taking away property and bringing community into a commonwealth would make it prosperous and happy. Their community of interest arose from the nature of their engagement with the company of merchant-adventurers in England, by whose aid they had been conveyed to this country, and were furnished with their necessary supplies. By their articles of agreement, it was stipulated that the personal services of the planters and of their wives and children, estimated at an agreed rate, should make common stock with the property advanced either by them or the adventurers; that they should be employed, according to their several faculties, in fishing, planting, building, and trading, and that, at the end of seven years, the capital and profit, including houses and lands, as well as goods, should be divided among the adventurers and planters, according to their respective shares. By the articles, as first framed, it was provided that the houses and improved lands should remain wholly to the planters at the end of the seven years, and that they should be allowed two days in each week for themselves and families. But these favorable provisions the adventurers afterwards refused to confirm; and

the planters, being resolutely bent on their undertaking, ultimately consented, though with great reluctance, to those which were substituted. In the execution of this agreement it required all the energy and discretion of the principal founders of the settlement to prevent serious discontent and divisions. They were determined religiously to adhere to their contract; and, in the sermon of Cushman and other documents which have been preserved, we find evidence of their zealous exertions to confine the settlers during the stipulated term to an exclusive attention to the general interest."

"For Rev. Mr. Abbot."

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